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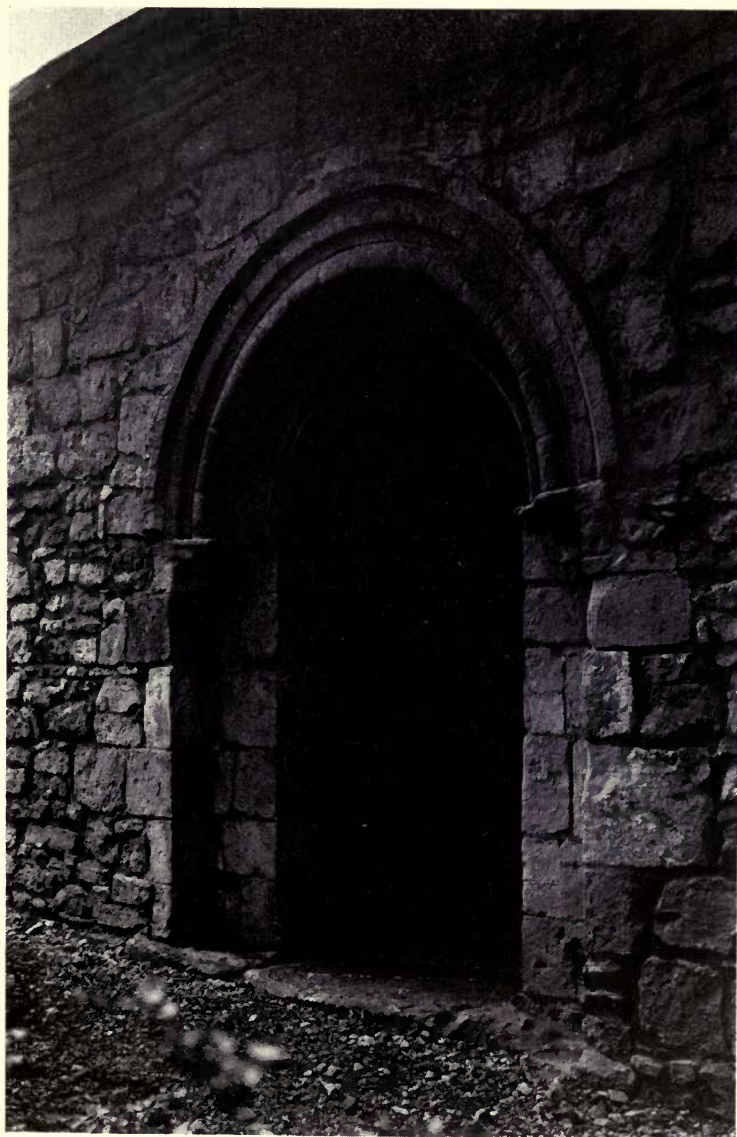
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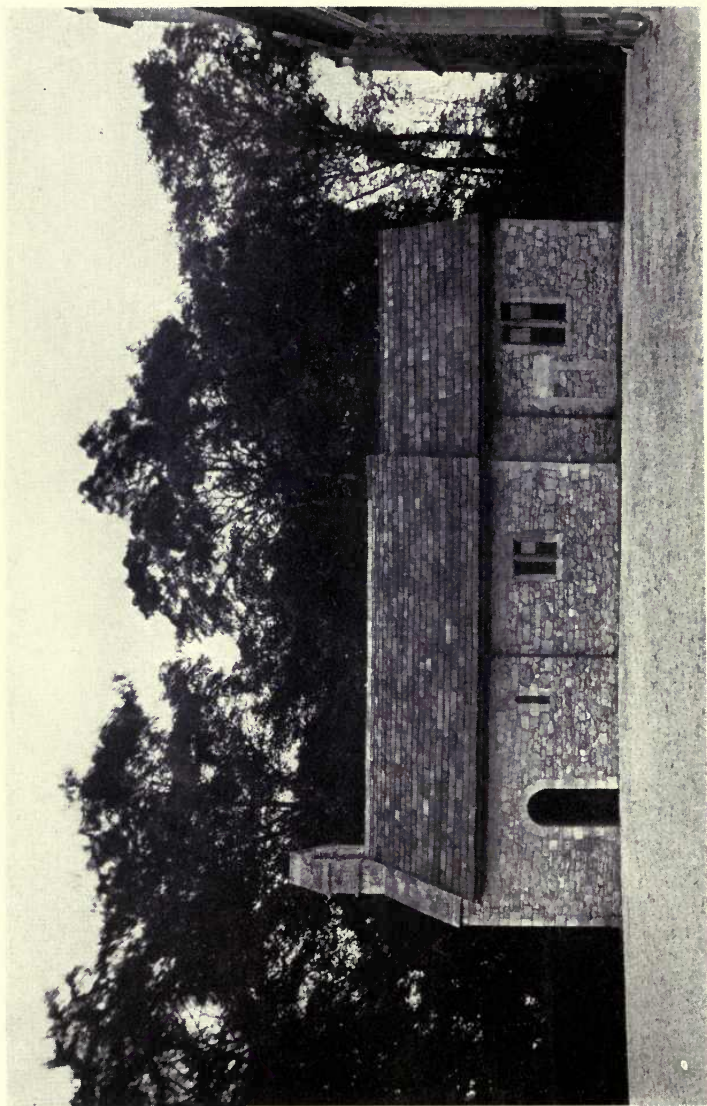
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Lotherton Chapel (W.R. Yorks.).

By G. E. KIRK.¹

Lotherton cum Aberford, a township and chapelry, originally in the parish of Sherburn-in-Elmet and Barkston Ash Wapentake, was formally annexed to Aberford, by Order in Council, in August, 1908. It is about five and a half miles south of Tadcaster and three north-west of Sherburn.

Lotherton Chapel, which is a private one, stands just over a mile south-east of the village of Aberford, in the grounds of Lotherton Hall, the residence of Colonel F. R. T. Trench-Gascoigne, D.S.O., J.P., lord of the manor and chief landowner.

According to the late Professor Moorman,² we have in the word Lotherton apparently the O.E. personal name, Hlothhere, with the addition of the patronymic *-ing*, *-inga*.

The original form, Hlohheringatun, meaning the enclosure of the sons of Hlothhere, was subsequently reduced to Lotherington or Lutherington, and then, with the loss of the patronymic *-ing*, to Lotherton.

The following forms of the place-name occur in mediæval and later documents, the various forms occurring at varying dates:

Luttrington,	963	(Birch's <i>Cartularium Saxonicum</i> , iii, 695).
Luteryngton,	1278	(<i>Yorkshire Inquisitions</i> , Y.A.S. Record Series, xii, 183).
Luterington,	1285	(<i>Kirkby's Inquest</i> , Surt. Soc., xlix, 48).
Lutryngton,	1356	(<i>Cal. Patent Rolls</i>).
Lutherton,	1475	(Will of Wm. Gascoigne, of Lasincroft).
Ludderton,	1539	(<i>Letters and Papers Foreign and Domestic</i> , Hen. VIII).
Luterton,	1544	(Will of Thos. Fairfax, of Finningley, <i>Test. Ebor.</i> , vi, Surt. Soc., cvi).
Lotherton,	1584	(<i>Yorkshire Fines</i> , iii, Y.A.S. Record Series, vii, 30).

¹ The substance of this paper was read before members of the Thoresby Society on the occasion of their visit to Lotherton Chapel, 6 September, 1919, when I acted as guide.

² *West Riding Place-Names* (Thoresby Soc., xviii, 125).

Lotherington,	1602-3	(Will of John Gascoigne, of Parlington).
Loudertō,	1653	(Ledsham Parish Register).
Ludtherton,	1777	(Barwick-in-Elmet Parish Register).

The site is of ancient interest, being within a mile of the Roman road from Castleford to York. Leland (*temp.* Hen. VIII) declares that he "never saw yn any Part of *England* so manifest Tokens as heere of the large high Crest of the Way of *Wateling Streate* made by hand."¹

Sherburn, capital of the ancient Kingdom of Elmete, is traditionally believed to have been, in the tenth century, a royal manor of the Anglo-Saxon kings. It has frequently been stated that after the battle of Brunanburgh, in 937, King Athelstan, as a votive offering for his victory, gave this manor to the See of York. The present writer, after consulting eminent Yorkshire antiquaries, has failed to trace any charter embodying such a grant. Camden (d. 1623) was aware of the impression (*Britannia*, iii); and Drake (*Eboracum*, 1736) mentions it; but both are silent as to authority.

If a thirteenth century document can be trusted, there appears in a claim of Archbishop Wickwane, A.D. 1279 or 1280, to be a reference to Sherburn as among the manors granted by King Athelstan to the Archbishop of York and his successors (see *Memorials of Ripon*, i, 66, Surt. Soc., lxxiv).

Concerning the reputed grants of privileges by Athelstan, the late Mr. A. F. Leach, F.S.A., says: "Perhaps the true origin of the attribution of these privileges of northern towns and churches to Athelstan is the appearance of Athelstan in the authentic and accepted record, the 'Saxon Chronicle,' as the first king of all England. On his conquest of the northern kingdom the northern English and Danes may well have really obtained from him confirmation of their rights and privileges. At all events, in the days after the Conquest, when every English institution was threatened by the northern barbarian, and every title called in question, and when the policy of the Conqueror especially pointed to the reduction of the semi-independent North into an integral part of a united kingdom; it was no doubt expedient for those who wished to defend their rights to rest them not on the grants of Northumbrian kings

¹ *Yorkshire Portion of Leland's "Itinerary"* (*Yorks. Archæol. Journal*, x, 243). But Leland, it would seem, was incorrect in considering this portion of Iter V of the Antonine Itinerary to be part of Watling Street. It may with greater probability be identified with Ermine Street. Cf. Y.A.S., Record Series, xxv, 281, note 1.

and local chiefs, but on those of the monarchs of all England, to whose rights the Norman kings claimed to be successors" (Preface to *The Beverley Chapter Act Book*, i, Surt. Soc., xcviij).

The earliest mention of Lotherton (Luttrington) known to the writer occurs in a grant by Kirg Edgar of 20 *cassati* (hides) at Sherburn-in-Elmet to Æslac, in A.D. 963.¹

Unless there was an earlier grant, this would seem to do away with the idea that Athelstan granted Sherburn to the See of York. "Edgar's gift to Æslac appears to have been made as a reward for good services, with liberty to bequeath it at his death to any person or institution whom he chose to make his heir. The donor acquits the land of all burdens save trinodal service. There cannot be much doubt that Æslac bequeathed these 20 *cassati* at Sherburn to St. Peter's, York, and the Archbishop, in whose possession it is found early in the eleventh century."² About the year 1030 we find that "eall Luteriſg-tun" belonged to the Archbishop of York, as pertaining to his Sherburn estates.³ Lotherton is not mentioned by name in the Domesday Book (1086), but it was probably one of the several berewicks of the Barony of Sherburn, then in the demesne of the Archbishop of York (*Yorks. Archæol. Journal*, xiii, 490n.; cf. *Kirkby's Inquest*, Surt. Soc., xlix, 48).

The place continued to belong to the Archbishops of York, of whom various knights' fees are known to have been held. Richard de Luttrington witnesses a charter of Richard, son of Swain, about the year 1170, also a charter of Nicholas, son of Jordan of Shippen, in 1190 (*Chartulary of St. John of Pontefract*, Y.A.S. Record Series, xxv, 144, 298).

Land-holders named Richard are associated with Lotherton in the early decades of the thirteenth century. Richard de Luteriſgton occurs, for instance, in connection with a knight's fee which he held of the Archbishop of York, in Tur Langton (Leicestershire), in 1200.⁴ His name also appears in the Pipe Roll (1200-1),⁵ in relation to Derbyshire and Notts., and in the contemporary *Rotuli Curie Regis*.⁶ Although we do not, by these records, prove that Richard held land in Lotherton itself, it is not unlikely that he was a tenant of the Archbishop in Yorkshire as well as elsewhere. A few years later we find more explicit information. Robert de Lutrinton (*sic*) held

¹ *Early Yorkshire Charters*, i (W. Farrer). ² *Ibid.* ³ *Ibid.*

⁴ *Rotuli de Oblatis*, 97.

⁵ *Chancellor's Roll*, 313 (Record Commission).

⁶ Vol. i, 376; vol. ii, 241 (Record Commission).

one knight's fee "in Sireburne," in 1211-12,¹ and his tenure in the Sherburn Barony may well have been in Lotherton. An undated, but apparently early thirteenth century charter relating to land in Parlington and Aberford, is witnessed by "..... Robert de Lutrinton, Richard, his son" (*Dodsworth MS.*, 8 f., 182).² Richard de Lutrinton appears in a grant of 1226;³ and, as Sir Richard de Luterinton, knight, he witnesses an undated but probably contemporary deed.⁴ In 1252, free-warren was granted to Master Robert Haget, treasurer of York, and Gilbert de Bernevall, his assign; and heirs of the said Gilbert in the manor of Luterinton, co. York (*Charter Roll*, 36 Hen. III, m. 23).

In the list of Knights' Fees held of the Archbishop of York, 1266-79, Richard de Lutrinton is declared responsible for one knight's fee in Lutrinton.⁵ From the *Testa de Nevill* we learn that Richard de Luterinton held the third part of a knight's fee in Thorpe *juxta* Lubbenham, Leicestershire (*Testa de Nevill*, 26, Record Commission).

The aforesaid Gilbert de Berneval had two daughters, Albreda and Cecily. Albreda had a son, Gilbert de Cundy. It was found by an inquisition taken in 1277 that Gilbert de Cundy, the seventeen-year old son of Gilbert de Berneval and his daughter, Cecily, who was of full age, were his next heirs. Cecily was married to Gilbert de Neville. A writ to Thomas Normanvill, the king's steward, 25 Oct., 5 Edw. I (1277), on the complaint of Gilbert de Nevill and Cecily, his wife, aunt and coheir of Gilbert de Cundy, states that the lands, etc., of Gilbert de Berneval, her father, in Aberford and Luterinton, had been intruded upon by John, son of Alan Sampson, of York, asserting that he was enfeofed of the same by the said Gilbert, 18 Feb., 6 Edw. I (1277-8).⁶ On 23 Nov., 1277, there was an order to Thomas Normanvill, the king's steward, touching the manor of Luterinton, which the said William (*sic*) de Berneval held of the Archbishop of York (*Calendar of Fine Rolls*, 6 Edw. I, m. 29).

From an Inquisition made at York on the Thursday after the Feast of St. Matthias, 6 Edw. I (1277-8), we learn that the aforesaid John Sampson was enfeofed by the said Gilbert of 9 messuages and 9 bovates of land in Aberford and Luterinton, and he had

¹ *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Yorks. Archæol. Journal, iii, 402).

² *Miscellanea* (Y.A.S. Record Series, lxi, 62).

³ Surt. Soc., lvi, 221n. ⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Ibid.*, xlix, 383.

⁶ *Yorkshire Inquisitions*, i (Y.A.S. Record Series, xii, 182).

peaceful seisin for one day and one night before the said Gilbert died, but he had no other seisin there. This, however, was regarded as unsatisfactory, and another writ, dated 18 May, 1278, orders that further inquiry be made, and that all lands and tenements be taken into the king's hand and safely kept, until further order be given therein. An inquisition dated the day of St. Denis [9 Oct.], 6 Edw. I [1278], states that John Sampson was put in seisin of the above messuages and land on the day of St. Bartholomew by the steward of the said Gilbert, who was of sane mind and good memory, by his command, in the presence of John de [E]yton, who came for the purpose on behalf of the Archbishop, the chief lord of the fee, who had hindered the said John of his seisin for a fortnight previously: on the morrow the said Gilbert died. Indorsed: Let seisin be given him (*Yorkshire Inquisitions*, i, Y.A.S. Record Series, xii, 182, 183; cf. *Cal. Inquisitions*, Edw. I, file 16 (13)).

Gilbert de Nevill held a knight's fee in Lutrinton in 1285.¹ He apparently died in 1294, when, by an inquisition made at Southampton 28 July, 22 Edw. I, his next heir is found to be John de Nevill, aged 26.² In 1298, the Archbishop received homage of Sir Robert Furneaux, knight, for the third part of the manor of Lotrinton (Surt. Soc., xlix, 401).

In 1302, John de Nevill, son and heir of Gilbert and Cecily de Nevill, did homage and fealty to Thomas, Archbishop of York, for land held of the Archbishop in Lutrinton—"for half a knight's fee and more but not for two parts." "But Sir Robert Furneaux, knight, ought, as he believes, to answer for the rest of a knight's fee because he holds the moiety of the manor and of land belonging to it, but not the rent."³

In the returns of Aid granted to King Edward I (collected 1303), John de Nevill and his coparceners contributed xls. for one knight's fee in Lutrinton.⁴

In 1307-8 the Archbishop again received homage and fealty of John, son and heir of Cecily de Nevill, for land which he claimed to hold in Lutrinton. At the same time the claim of Sir Robert Furneaux (*vide supra*) to his part of the manor was recognised.⁵ In 1310-11, Sir Geoffrey de Hotham did homage for the third part of a knight's fee in Lutrinton, which he claimed as his wife's dower.⁶

This lady, whose name was Matilda, was possibly the widow of

¹ *Kirkby's Inquest* (Surt. Soc., xlix, 48).

² *Calendar of Inquisitions*, 22 Edw. I.

³ Surt. Soc., xlix, 406.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 284.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 408.

⁶ *Ibid.*, 410.

Gilbert de Nevill. If so, she must have been a second wife.¹ In the *Nomina Villarum* (1316), Sir Geoffrey was returned as lord of, *inter alia*, Luterington (Surt. Soc., xlix, 259n., 345).

But the Furneaux claim was maintained for, in 1310, Archbishop Greenfield had granted to lady Christiana de Menyl, widow of the late Sir Nicholas Menyl, the marriage of Richard, son and heir of Sir Robert de Furneaux, knight, deceased, who held lands in Luterington, by knight's service.² Richard died before 29 Dec., 1331,³ for on that date Archbishop Melton granted to Robert de Bridlington the custody of the lands, etc., of Richard, son and heir of Richard de Furneaux, in the town of Luteryngton.⁴ In 1335, Lady Johanna, widow of Sir John de Nevill, claimed to hold of Archbishop Melton lands, etc., in "Luteryngton et Abirford."⁵

From this period Lotherton had an increased number of tenants. Fuller information is given by the late Mr. Wm. Wheater, in his *History of Sherburn and Cawood* (2nd edition, 1882). There is also a short account, with illustrations of the unrestored chapel, by Mr. Edmund Bogg, in *The Old Kingdom of Elmet* (1904).

One matter of antiquarian interest may be noted here. Owing to the outbreak of Plague in 1644, it was deemed necessary to transfer the Aberford market⁶ to another part of the parish—some distance from the infected area, and the market cross was removed to Lotherton. There it continued until recent years, when the original base of the cross, moss-covered and dilapidated, was discovered by some of the local antiquaries, and a scheme set on foot for removing it to its former site and restoring it as best could be done to its old condition. The scheme was consummated when, on Saturday, 15 June, 1912, the cross was unveiled by Mrs. Gascoigne, of Lotherton Hall.⁷

Our subject, however, is not Lotherton, nor the families connected therewith, but its ancient chapel.

Unfortunately, the mediæval and later records in which Lotherton

¹ *Hist. and Chartulary of the Hothams of Scarborough*, 1100-1700 (Col. P. Saltmarshe, 1914).

² Surt. Soc., xlix, 427.

³ *Ibid.*, 427n.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 429.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 418.

⁶ In 1251 Henry III granted "to Richard de Grammary, and his heirs, a weekly market on Wednesday at his manor of Abberford and of a yearly fair there on the vigil, the feast and the morrow of St. Richerius" (*Cal. Charter Rolls*, 35 Hen. III, 354). In 1335 Edward III "granted William Grammary a market on Wednesday at his manor of Abreford" (*Harleian MS.* No. 802, Thoresby Soc., *Miscellanea*, i, 118).

⁷ See *Aberford: Its Church and Parish* (Rev. J. Solloway, D.D.), in which the cross is described. For ancient Fairs and Markets, see *Hooton Pagnell and its Market Cross*, by Professor Clark, LL.D., F.S.A. (Thoresby Soc., xv, 26).

is mentioned, contain no reference to the chapel. The founder's name, the date of foundation and the dedication are not disclosed. Indeed, as Mr. William Brown, Litt.D., F.S.A., observes, it is very rare that one finds the name of a founder of a chapel such as this, for they were, as a rule, founded before the Archbishops' Registers commence.

The late Canon Raine, in reference to the ancient chapels of Yorkshire, says: "Many of these little places of worship were of very early foundation; and when travelling was dangerous and the population greatly scattered, they were of inestimable service. The greater part of them were pulled down during the first ten years of the reign of Elizabeth. They had been in existence, many of them, since the Norman times. Many were erected by the religious houses, which in this respect were very attentive to their duty. Others owed their existence to the care of the Archbishops of York. The first great subdivision of parishes took place in the time of Archbishop Thurstan. About a century afterwards there was a large addition made to the number of chapels. Archbishop Gray wrote to Gregory IX stating that in consequence of the distance of the parish priest from the scattered parts of his flock, it often happened that a sick man passed away before the priest could reach him, and sought his advice in the matter. The Pope thereupon gave him leave to erect oratories and chapels. This was in 1233 (*Addit. MSS.* 15353, 175, *from the Vatican MSS.*). Most of these little shrines were destroyed after the Reformation."¹

The edifice at Lotherton was probably erected in order to meet the spiritual needs of the manor, as a chapel-of-ease to the mother church of Sherburn, in whose parish it remained until 1908, when it was transferred to that of Aberford. In this case, Lotherton Chapel would be one of a class of foundations deemed necessary by the sixteenth century commissioners appointed to deal with chantries, etc. (see Preface to *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, Surt. Soc., xcii).

No chantry appears to have been established at Lotherton.

In the *Calendar of Patent Rolls*, A.D. 1356, m. i, 24 May, however, occurs the following: "Licence for the alienation in mortmain by John de Bentele to the prior and convent of Wartre of five messuages, a carucate of land, 3½ acres of meadow, 40 acres of

¹ *Yorks. Archæol. Journal*, ii, 182. Mr. Wm. Brown, however, is inclined to doubt Canon Raine's statement that Chapels were often erected by the religious houses or by the Archbishops. He considers that these chapels were, in most cases, erected by the lords of the manor.

pasture and 80 acres of wood in Lutryngton and Beverley, to find a chantry according to his ordinance." But this tells us nothing as to where the chantry was founded.

Lawton seems to indicate that Lotherton was, in some sense, a Peculiar, as a chapelry within the jurisdiction of the Fenton Prebendal Court (*Collections*, 2, 3, 609).

The Prebend of Fenton was founded by Archbishop Gray, early in the thirteenth century. But there existed at an earlier period a Prebend of Sherburn, a certain portion of which, including the tithes of corn and pulse of Lotherton, was given to the Treasurer-ship of York when the Prebends of Wistow and Fenton were founded (*Abp. Gray's Register*, Surt. Soc., lvi, 132, 133).

The ancient dedication of Lotherton Chapel does not appear to be known. Mediæval wills, usually a fruitful source of information, do not help us in this case. Canon Raine says, "If there had been no Peculiars, and if all chapels had possessed the right of burial, the dedication of every church and chapel in the county might have been verified or recovered. The documents connected with Peculiar jurisdictions have, in many cases, been imperfectly preserved, and a testator, who had his residence within a chapelry, very seldom mentions the chapel in his will, if he could not be interred there."¹ No trace of burials has been found at Lotherton.

At the reopening after repairs, in 1917, Lotherton Chapel was provisionally dedicated in the name of Saint James. But this title had no known historic foundation and was to be without prejudice to any ancient dedication which might be proved (Rev. B. W. Shephard-Walwyn, M.A., late Vicar of Aberford).

As of the chapel itself, so of its ministers, practically nothing can be ascertained. In a deed of the year 1352, reference is made to half an acre of land in the common field of Lutrington at Lutrington Crosse, between the land of Thomas de Ousthorpe and the land of "William Barker, chaplain."² Mr. Wm. Brown considers it not unfair to infer that William Barker was chaplain of the chapel at Lotherton.

Mr. Wheeler refers to a deed of gift, dated at Lotherton, 1 May, 1362, which was witnessed by "Thomas Ellis, Thomas Mauncell, Chaplains."³ The latter *may* have been chaplains of Lotherton;

¹ *Yorks. Archæol. Journal*, ii, 181.

² *Yorkshire Deeds*, i, 132 (Y.A.S. Record Series, xxxix).

³ *Hist. of Sherburn and Cawood*, 1882 (W. Wheeler), 129.

it must, however, be remembered that there were chaplains of the neighbouring chantry of Our Lady in the parish church of Aberford.

In post-Reformation days we find but slight reference to the Chapel of Lotherton. In the Parliamentary Survey, vol. xviii, pages 230, 263, occurs the following: "At Leeds, 6th June, 1650. There be two chapels in the parish [Sherburn], viz. Lotherton and Micklefield. To the first belongs the town of Lotherton and part of Aberford. It is distant two [*sic*] miles from the said parish Church, and hath neither minister nor maintenance belonging to it. Micklefield Chapel is also distant about two [*sic*] miles from its parish Church, and hath neither minister nor maintenance belonging to it, and but about thirty families. We think fit that that part of Aberford in the Chapelry of Lotherton be annexed to the parish of Aberford. We think it not fit to have the said Chapels made parish Churches, there being no considerable number of parishioners to resort thither."¹

The use of the Lotherton Chapel during the seventeenth century is indicated by the contemporary Prayer Book, pulpit and clerk's desk. In the eighteenth century, in addition to structural alterations (see p. 125; *cf.* plan), were provided the boards with the Creed and Lord's Prayer; a paten, given in 1720; a bell, cast in 1777; and Prayer Books dated, respectively, 1784 and 1790. The character of the chancel benches and altar rails (removed during the late alterations) affords evidence that the chapel was in use during the earlier part of the nineteenth century.

Lawton (*Collections*, 1839, p. 76) says Lotherton and Micklefield Chapels "are within the parish of Sherburne, but are not noticed in the Visitation Calls."

Mr. Wheeler, writing in 1882, states that the Vicar of Sherburn receives £10 *per annum* for celebrating divine service in Lotherton Chapel. But Mr. W. Freeborn, who resigned the schoolmastership of Aberford in 1919, says that the last service held in the chapel was on the Sunday after Easter, 1880, when the preacher was the Rev. Wm. Brewerton Broughton, L.Th., curate-in-charge of Micklefield. Mr. T. B. Abbott, of Aberford, believes that the chapel was in regular use on Sunday mornings and afternoons up to the year 1880. Old inhabitants speak of attending the services until that time.

I am informed that both services and payment had ceased before

¹Lawton's *Collections*, 75. The ancient chapel of Micklefield has disappeared. An illustration of it is given in Mr. Wheeler's *History of Sherburn and Cawood*. Its successor, erected about 1860, became a parish church in 1886.

the vicariate of the Rev. J. N. Earl (Instit. Vicar of Sherburn 1885), but that an annual Harvest Festival was held in Lotherton Chapel during the vicariate of the Rev. James Matthews (1831-1885).¹ But the chapel was disused as a place of worship for some thirty-five years and became neglected and dilapidated.

About the year 1913, Colonel Gascoigne, acting upon the advice of Mr. John Bilson, F.S.A., undertook the work of repairing the old chapel, rescuing it from desecration and judiciously restoring it to use as a House of Prayer.

The outer walls having been cleared of masses of over-hanging foliage, were stripped of their coating of plaster, the stonework grouted and the roof repaired.

Then came the Great War. But "it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good." The fact that Lotherton Hall was used as a V.A.D. Hospital gave occasion, in 1916-17, to the internal repair and refitting of the chapel—primarily for the use of the soldier-patients, who were unable to attend divine service at Aberford Parish Church.²

In the absence of documentary evidence as to the foundation, history, and uses of this chapel, we turn to the old fabric itself and endeavour to learn what its architectural features can reveal to us.

Mr. Bilson has most kindly furnished me with his description of the chapel, written in 1912 (i.e. before the reparation). With Mr. Bilson's consent I have thought it best to quote this in full, and have added footnotes, mainly relating to the recent repairs.

"The chapel consists of a nave about 31 feet long by 15 feet 4 inches wide, and a chancel 14 feet 9 inches long by 12 feet 6 inches wide, measured within the walls."³

"It dates from the last quarter of the twelfth century and the whole of the main structure (except the west wall of the nave) belongs to this period, though some of the openings have been altered in later times. Two of the twelfth century windows remain in their

¹ £10 of Lotherton Tithe was transferred to the Vicar of Aberford when the boundaries of the two parishes were altered in 1908. But this was quite distinct from any payment of £10, or otherwise, for services rendered in Lotherton Chapel (Rev. R. G. Glennie, Vicar of Sherburn, 1903-1912).

² The repaired chapel was reopened on 28 June, 1917, by the Archbishop of York (Dr. Lang).

³ Mr. S. D. Kitson, F.S.A., points out that the nave widens from 15 feet 4 inches at the west end to 16 feet 1½ inches at the east end. The original nave (the foundations of whose west wall remain) was 35 feet 5 inches long. The chancel is longer on the north side by 5 inches than on the south side. "Most small English Churches were built on a plan which is purely 'Scottish' all through the Saxon time and beyond it. There are scores of them all over the country. The smaller church at Deerhurst (Glos.), built in the middle of the eleventh century, will serve for an example" (the late Mr. J. T. Mickle-

original condition, one on the north side of the chancel and the other in the middle of the south side of the nave; both are very narrow openings, splayed on the inside, with lintels on the outside cut to semi-circular arched form. The window on the south side of the nave has radiating lines incised on the outside of its lintel to simulate joints, a feature which is sometimes found in earlier work, but (so far as my observation goes) is decidedly uncommon at this date.¹ The east window of the chancel is also of the original twelfth century date, but it has been widened later by cutting away the external jambs, thus giving it a shouldered form on the outside.

"The doorway in the western part of the north wall of the nave seems to have been originally the only entrance to the chapel, and is its most characteristic feature. It is a part of the original late twelfth century work, and is an admirable example of its period. The recessed external jambs have had a single shaft on each side, now missing, though the capitals remain, with the simple flat-leaved volute form which is so characteristic of this period; the abaci are simply hollow chamfered, and are returned as impost mouldings to the inner jambs. The arch is semi-circular, of two well-moulded orders, each with a roll between two hollows, the roll on the outer order being pointed or keel-shaped, and that on the inner order having a sunk channel along the middle of the roll (another feature characteristic of this period). The arch is finished externally with a simple chamfered hood-moulding.²

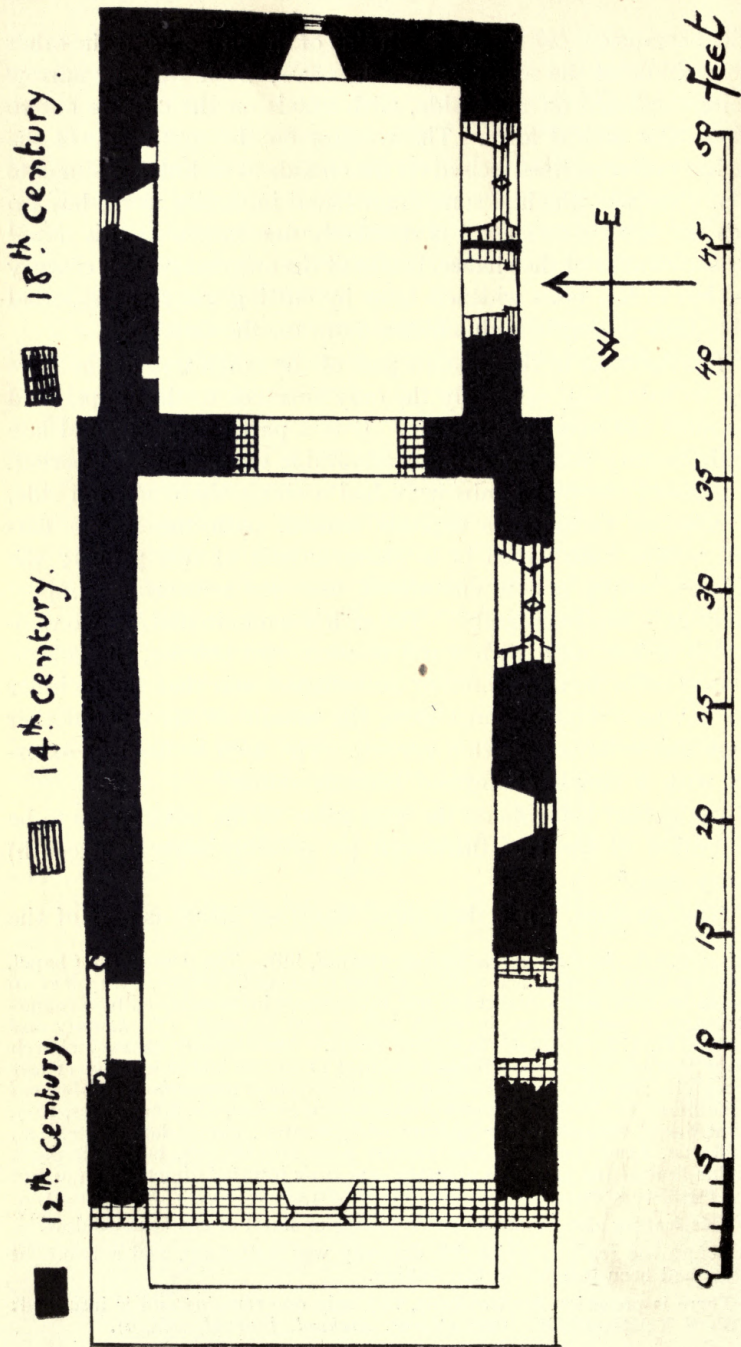
"The gabled bell-cote on the west gable of the nave seems to be an addition of the late thirteenth (or possibly early fourteenth) century date.³

"The openings, other than those described above as part of the thwaite, F.S.A., in *The Archaeological Journal*, liii). The Deerhurst Chapel, brought to light in 1885, has a nave 25 feet 6 inches in length, by 15 feet 10 inches in breadth, and a chancel 14 feet by 11 feet 3 inches entered by a round-headed arch 6 feet 6 inches in width and 10 feet in height (*Tewkesbury and Deerhurst*, H. J. L. J. Massé, M.A., Ed. 1901). The eleventh century church of Over Denton (Cumberland) has a chancel 11 feet 10 inches long by 11 feet 2 inches wide; its nave is 27 feet long by 16 feet wide (*Transactions Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society*, xv, New Series, 187). The mediæval chapels in the vicinity of Lotherton, but of later date, e.g., Huddleston, Lead, Ledston, and Steeton have no chancels, but their plans resemble that of the nave of Lotherton and their internal dimensions (30 feet by 15 feet) are about the same (see *Yorks. Archæol. Journal*, xxi, 201-213).

¹ This feature also occurs on the rectangular lintel of the east window.

² Before the recent repairs this doorway was walled up, and a two-light window had been inserted in the walling.

³ There is provision for two bells, but only one remains and is inscribed: DALTON YORK FECIT 1777 (*Yorks. Archæol. Journal*, xvii, 2).



LOTHERTON CHAPEL—GROUND-PLAN.

original structure, have been altered in later times. The window on the south side of the chancel, of two lights, with chamfered jambs, mullion and lintel, is an insertion, in order to give more light to the altar, probably of the fourteenth century. So also is the two-light window in the eastern part of the south wall of the nave, the mullion of which is now missing.¹

"The west window of the nave and the wall in which it is set seem to be of post-Reformation date,² as also is the doorway now in use, in the western part of the south wall of the nave.

"The square opening³ between the nave and chancel, which replaces the original chancel arch, results from the rebuilding of the wall in which it occurs. [This wall was, in 1913, found to be a complete rebuild, without any bond to the side walls.]

"The roofs have principal trusses with tie beams, and are covered with stone slates, without any ceiling boards.⁴

"The chapel retains some of its fittings, which are of various dates. Against the inside of the west wall of the nave is a short stone shaft with base and scalloped capital, the top of which is hollowed out as a basin; this is of the original late twelfth century period, and is either a holy-water stoup or (more probably) a pillar piscina. The octagonal pulpit, with its sounding-board and clerk's desk, are of the seventeenth century.⁵ Some parts of old benches remain in the nave, of the simplest construction, with plank seats tenoned into plain ends. The chancel benches and altar rails are nineteenth century 'Churchwarden Gothic.'⁶

"In the nave are boards with the Commandments painted in black letter (? seventeenth century), and a hatchment over the opening to the chancel. At the east end of the chancel are two eighteenth century boards, with the Lord's Prayer and Creed.⁷

"The foregoing description was written before the repair of the chapel in 1913. In the course of this repair, considerable traces of

¹ This mullion was renewed during the recent repairs.

² Eighteenth century (Mr. S. D. Kitson).

³ The chancel arch of Deerhurst Chapel is about the same width (6 feet 6 inches) as the Lotherton square opening, which Mr. Kitson considers to be an eighteenth century alteration. The removal of the plaster failed to reveal definite traces of an arch.

⁴ This old roof has been repaired where necessary and ceiling boards have been provided.

⁵ These were carefully repaired and retained.

⁶ All the benches have been removed; the altar rails, too, have disappeared.

⁷ Some, at any rate, of these boards have been preserved, but the hatchment is indecipherable.

mediæval painting were found on the walls of the chapel, including a band of shields above the east window, and king's heads in a lozenge pattern below this window. It was found that the west wall of the nave had been rebuilt in post-Reformation times, and that the nave had then been shortened; on the north wall, the internal plastering remained westward of the internal angle; and part of the foundation of the original west wall was found, its west face being 4 feet 10 inches west of the outer face of the later (present) west wall. The bell-cote must have been rebuilt with the west wall."

Thus far Mr. Bilson.

The removal of the plaster from the walls revealed, in the south wall of the chancel, a blocked square-headed priests' doorway, which Mr. Kitson notes as a fourteenth century insertion. There are four recesses, each about one foot square, two in the north and one in the south wall of the chancel, and a fourth in the south wall of the nave, just behind the pulpit. If they are not aumbries it is not easy to account for these.¹

The massive oak chest which since the restoration of the chapel has served as an altar, is an old German one and bears Biblical carvings and texts in German. It was purchased by Colonel Gascoigne, several years ago, at Cuxhaven.

The chapel retains no ancient glass.

At the west end of the north wall of the nave is a metal tablet inscribed as follows: "In memory of Thomas Hugo Trench, 2nd Lieut. R.F.C., accidentally killed while flying over Ringhay Wood, January 13th, 1917. His body rested in this chapel until taken for burial in Essex."

The Communion Vessels belonging to this chapel are of silver and consist of Cup with cover and Paten. "The cup is plain with a bell-shaped bowl, and has a plain stem and foot. Under the foot is rudely incised, '*Dicatû Anno Salutis 1628.*' Height $5\frac{1}{2}$, dia. of bowl 3, of foot $2\frac{3}{4}$, depth of bowl $3\frac{1}{8}$ inches. The cover is plain; dia. $3\frac{1}{2}$, of button $1\frac{1}{8}$, height $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Both cup and cover have the same hall-marks, viz., (1) leopard and lys; (2) Cap. Old Eng. W; (3) R.H., pellet below in shaped shield (York, 1628, Robert Harrington, free 1616, d. 1647)."

¹ A somewhat similar recess occurs in the north wall of the chancel of Over Denton Church, Cumberland. This is thought to have held a small charcoal fire for heating obley irons (for wafer baking) and providing burning charcoal for the censers (*Transactions Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archæol. Soc.*, xv, N.S. 188).

"The paten is a plate on a central circular stem. It is engraved with a shield of arms, viz., *Between 3 cocks' heads erased a fesse charged with a mitre*. Surrounding the shield is the inscription, in Rom. capitals: DONUM E.S. AD CAPELLAM LOTHERTON MDCCXX. Dia. 6½, of foot 2½, height 1¾ inches. Hall-marks, (1) Lo; (2) Li. hd. er.; (3) Brit.; (4) Cap. Rom. D. (London, 1719, Seth Lofthouse)" (*Yorkshire Church Plate*, ii, Yorks. Archæol. Soc., Extra Series, iv, 164).

The arms mentioned were borne by John Alcock, Bishop of Rochester, 1472; of Worcester, 1476; and of Ely, 1486-1500. John Alcock was a Yorkshireman, the son of William and Joan Alcock. He was probably born about 1428, in Hull, where he founded a chantry (c. 1480), the priest of which was "bound to kepe a free scole of grammer within the saide towne of Hull."

Bishop Alcock was the founder, in 1497, of Jesus College, Cambridge. The Bishop rose to high preferment in Church and State. But I have been unable to trace any further connection he may have had with Yorkshire; nor is it easy to say why his coat of arms should appear on the eighteenth century paten of Lotherton Chapel. The initials E.S., inscribed on the paten, are apparently those of Miss Elizabeth Shillito, of Kirkthorpe, in the parish of Warmfield, formerly of York. She was the daughter of George Shillito, of Aberford, and a considerable landowner in the townships of Aberford and Lotherton. Her will was proved at York, 12 October, 1728.

It is interesting to find that the family of Shillito, of Heath, in Warmfield parish, near Wakefield, bore arms: *argent on a fesse between three cocks' heads erased sable, erected, beaked and jalloped or, a mitre of the third* (Notes and Queries, lls. ix, Mar. 14, 1914). Similar arms are associated with persons named Shillito (Shilleto) on an early nineteenth century grave-slab in Kirkby Wharfe Church, near Tadcaster; also in Burke's *Armoury*, 1844.

If, as would appear to be the case, the Alcock arms had been adopted by the Shillito family, we have a clue to the reason of their appearance on the paten given to Lotherton Chapel by "E.S.," in 1720. Lotherton was at this period owned by George Rhodes, Esq., Bachelor of Laws.

Seth Lofthouse, maker of the Lotherton paten, in 1719, was probably a member of a local family whose name repeatedly occurs in the registers of Barwick-in-Elmet and Whitkirk parishes. He was apparently the son of Alverah Lofthouse, of Manston, gentleman [Will proved at York, 21 January, 1727-8], and grandson of Seth Lofthouse, of Manston, yeoman, who was buried at Whitkirk,

31 August, 1674, and whose will was proved at York, 21 Sept., 1674. "Seth, son of Avara Lofthouse," appears to have been born 30 Dec., 1658, and baptised on the following day at Whitkirk. He entered Goldsmiths' Hall, London, in 1697, and he occurs as a maker of Yorkshire Church Plate, 1697-1719.

There is an old copy of the Book of Common Prayer, bound in leather and stamped "Lotherton Chapel." It dates from the reign of Charles II—probably 1670. There are also two Georgian Prayer Books dated 1784 and 1790 respectively.

I am indebted to the kindness of many who have contributed to the interest of this paper: To Colonel and Mrs. Gascoigne, for the facilities they so readily granted for the inspection of the Chapel and for information regarding it; to Mr. John Bilson, F.S.A., for permission to print his architectural description; to Mr. Sydney D. Kitson, F.S.A., to whom I owe the ground-plan here reproduced, and also certain notes; to Mr. Wm. Brown, Litt.D., F.S.A., who read the MS., for literary assistance; to Mr. F. V. Gill, of Bradford, a member of the Society, for permission to reproduce his photographs; to Mr. G. D. Lumb, F.S.A., for much help and advice on the whole undertaking; to Mr. W. B. Barwell Turner, of Leeds, for assistance in genealogy and heraldry; also to Mrs. Ellis, of Wales Vicarage, Sheffield; the Rev. R. G. Glennie, M.A., formerly Vicar of Sherburn-in-Elmet; the Rev. B. W. Shephard-Walwyn, M.A., late Vicar of Aberford; Mr. W. Freeborn, late Schoolmaster of Aberford; and Messrs. T. B. Abbott, L.S.A., and T. H. Prater, of Aberford, for replies to queries.

The Manor Court of Leeds Kirkgate-cum-Holbeck.

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The following extracts are taken from a MS. in the possession of Mr. Montague Spencer-Stanhope of Cannon Hall, by whose kind permission they are printed by the Thoresby Society. As the Society has never been able to gain access to the original Leeds Court Rolls, it is hoped that these extracts will not be without interest.

The MS. consists of a number of foolscap sheets of paper roughly bound together in a vellum cover. They relate to Courts held between May, 1666, and February 1671-2; but the records of the various Courts are not always in regular order, and some are wanting. They are written in many different hands. On the whole it appears likely that these sheets are the rough notes taken down during or immediately after the sitting of the Court, possibly to be afterwards engrossed on the formal rolls.

THE MANOR OF LEEDS, KIRKEGATE CUM HOLBECKE.

View of Frankpledge and Court Leet of the Lord King, with Court Baron of the most noble Henry, Viscount Irwyn, held for the said Manor at Leeds Kirkegate aforesaid, the 5th day of May in the 18th year of our lord Charles the 2nd, by the grace of God King, etc., and in the year of the Lord 1666, before John Stanhope, esquire, steward of the Court there.

Panel for Leeds Kirkegate: Inquisition taken there by the oath of Onecephorus Alvin, gent., Richard Cottam, John Cliveinger, John Harrison, Jonas Cocks, Francis Bayly, Robert Jefferay, Marmaduke Prockter, John Merryweather, Gespher Hudson, Robert Tayler, Samuel Telley, William Gurnill, Edmund Graves, and William Crosier, who, etc., sworn.

Panel for Holbeck: Inquisition taken there by the oath of Tobias Iles, gent., John Calbecke, James Dawson, Thomas Marshall, Rowland Swainson, Christopher Tomlinson, James Hinchcliffe, James Ellis, John Metcalfe, William Ryles, Robert Ratcliffe, Richard Leedham, James Bretherick, John Hebden, and Anthony Arundale, who, etc. Sworn.

First, the aforesaid Jurors say on their oath that Henry Nevell alias Smyth, esquire (6*d.*), Roger Portington, esquire (6*d.*), Marmaduke

duke Hick, alderman (6*d.*), Christopher Watkinson, alderman (6*d.*), the heirs of William Lodge, gent. (6*d.*), the heirs of Richard Lodge, gent. (6*d.*), Thomas Dixon, gent. (6*d.*), the heirs of Richard Sykes, gent. (6*d.*), Martin Iles, gent. (6*d.*), Samuel Jackson, gent. (6*d.*), the heirs of William Marshall (6*d.*), Henry Roundhill, gent. (6*d.*), Joshua Hill, gent. (6*d.*), Christ: Pawson (4*d.*), the heirs of John Dickins (4*d.*), Thomas Pawson (4*d.*), John Watson (4*d.*), William Armitage (4*d.*), George Cocker (4*d.*), Thomas Littlewood, gent. (6*d.*), John Lobley, clerk (4*d.*), Matthew Potter (4*d.*), the heirs of Bartholomew Horner (4*d.*), widow Dixon (4*d.*), widow Goodall (4*d.*), John King (4*d.*), [blank] Gosse (4*d.*), William Carvill (4*d.*), William¹ (4*d.*), Miles Douglas (4*d.*), John Douglas (4*d.*), the heirs of Brian Kitchinman (4*d.*), the heirs of¹ Greene (4*d.*), Richard Nickinson (4*d.*), Abraham Dixon (4*d.*), Timothy Taylor (4*d.*),¹ Hineslay (4*d.*), George Marshall, gent. (6*d.*), John Coats (4*d.*), Robert Hallyday (4*d.*), Thomas Wroe (4*d.*), widow Ibbitson (4*d.*), widow Hardesty (4*d.*), Roger Hillery (4*d.*), the heirs of Charles Holdsworth (4*d.*), Thomas Roper (4*d.*), Thomas Brearcliffe (4*d.*), Rowland¹ (4*d.*), John Shaw (4*d.*), William Walker (4*d.*), Robert Slingsby (4*d.*), Larc: Iveson, gent. (4*d.*), Thomas Varley (4*d.*), Henry Metcalfe (4*d.*), Robert Booth (4*d.*), John Ash (4*d.*), the heirs of William Smithson (4*d.*), Ralph Dixon (4*d.*), widow Carr,² Richard Parke (4*d.*), James Cock (4*d.*), John Johnson (4*d.*), Edmund Rogers (4*d.*), Thomas Brice (4*d.*), Richard Nicholson (4*d.*), Christopher Booth (4*d.*), Oswald Lamb (4*d.*), John Cummin,² [? Timothy] Olderson (4*d.*), John Lancaster (4*d.*), and Christopher Clifton (4*d.*), owe suit at this Court and this day made default, wherefore each of them is in the lord's penalty as severally appears over their names.²

Also, they amerce and present Abraham Dixon, senr., of Beeston, for allowing "un' rayle deicere" (*anglice* to lye downe) and not placing another, to the great danger of wayfarers passing on the high road (6*s.* 8*d.*).

Also, they amerce and present Richard Mawde "pro impediend'" (*anglice* stopping) the water-course between the house of John Greenwood and his [own] house, to the great injury of his neighbours (3*s.* 4*d.*).³

First,⁴ the aforesaid jurors say on their oath that Adam Hargrave (1*s.*), Abraham Docker (6*d.*), the heirs of Brian Kitchinman (6*d.*), Christopher Binks (6*d.*), George Turton (6*d.*), Henry Metcalfe, gent. (1*s.*), James Staynes (6*d.*), James Lambert, senr. (6*d.*), James Cockeram (6*d.*), John Shafton (6*d.*), John Chapman (6*d.*), Joseph Baynes (6*d.*), Laurence Sharpe (6*d.*), Peter Lyonesse (6*d.*), Ralph Moore (6*d.*), Ralph Askwith (6*d.*), Richard Hustler (6*d.*), Robert Huggenson (6*d.*), Roger Oddy (6*d.*), Thomas Brigs (6*d.*), Thomas

¹ Torn off.

² No amount stated.

³ No doubt the business for the Kirkgate division, though this is not so marked in the margin.

⁴ No doubt the business for the Holbeck division.

Parkinson (6*d.*), Thomas Robinson (6*d.*), Thomas Syddall (6*d.*), Thomas Wilkinson (6*d.*), the wife of Lyndall (6*d.*), widow Tomlinson (6*d.*), William Lambert, senr. (6*d.*), widow Tomson (6*d.*), William Smyth (6*d.*), John Gilman (6*d.*), Peter Prince (6*d.*), Francis Harper (6*d.*), Thomas Peareson (6*d.*), Oliver Wray (6*d.*), William Bywater (6*d.*), and William Barber¹ owe suit at this Court and this day made default, wherefore each of them is in the lord's penalty as appears over their several names.

Also, they amerce James Stayner for not scouring his ditch (1*s.*). [The following also amerced for the same offence: Thomas Lambert (1*s.*), Thomas Holmes (1*s.* 6*d.*), Jeremiah Kendall (1*s.* 6*d.*), Abraham Docker (2*s.*), the heirs or occupiers of the lands of Robt. Browne (1*s.*), Joseph Dilwood in occupation of the lands of widow Kitchinman adjoining the King's highway (3*s.*), the heirs or occupiers of the lands of Robt. Browne (1*s.*).]

Also, they amerce Ralph Moore for not ringing his pigs, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Also, they amerce George Turton, occupier of the land of Mr. Lodge, for allowing his ditch to be stopped, joining upon the toft of Peter Mason, whereby the water is diverted from the ancient course, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Also, they amerce John Brathwayte for drawing blood and affray, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Also, they amerce Edward King, junr., for affray, 3*s.* 4*d.*

The sume of this Court is £4 3*s.* 0*d.*

Essoin May 5th. Anna Grenewood, querent *v.* Richard Sawer, def. In plea. Continued 26th of May. Concord, 16th of June.

May 5th, essoin 26th May. Richard Mawde, quer. *v.* Edmund Fotherby, def. In plea. "Discontinued."

Thomas Barnard, quer. *v.* Dorothea Wilkinson, def. In plea.

At this Court came John Hodgson, of Leeds Maineryding, in the County of York, gent., in proper person, before the Steward of the Court aforesaid, and surrendered into the hands of the lord of the said manor one plot or parcel of land containing by estimation in length nineteen rods and in width six rods, and all houses, buildings and structures erected thereon, together with all and singular the easements, rights, and appurtenances to the same belonging, situate, lying, and being within the Mayneryding of Leeds and the Manor aforesaid, and now in the tenure and occupation of William Smythson, Richard Redman, and John Saunderson or their assigns; to the behoof and use of Edmund Cooper, his heirs and assigns for ever. Which are granted by the lord, by the steward of the said Court, to the said Edmund Cooper, to have and to hold to him, his heirs and assigns for ever, by the ancient rent and services thence previously due and of right accustomed, according to the custom of the said Manor. And he gives to the lord for a fine as appears at the head,² and did fealty, and was admitted tenant thereof.

¹ No amount stated.

² Not shown in the MS.

Manor of Leeds Kirkgate cum Holbecke. Court Baron of Henry, Viscount Irwyn, held at Leeds Kirkgate, 26th May, 1666.

Pleas: John Greenwood *v.* John Bedforth. "Discontinued."
William Coward *v.* Edward Peareson. "Concord."

Edward Parker of Leeds Mainriding, clothier, and Thomas Morehouse of Leeds, clothier, made a fine (2s.) with the lord for leave to have administration of the goods, chattels, and debts belonging to William Morehouse, late of Leeds, who died on "le bond tenure" within the jurisdiction of the Manor, in the house held from the lord by copy of Court roll. Administration granted, according to the ancient custom and privilege of the said manor, used and approved from time beyond memory: saving the right of everyone.

The same Manor: Court Baron of the same Viscount, 16th June, 1666.

Pleas: Abraham Broadley *v.* Nicholas Hall *alias* Bradberry, "discontinued"; Abraham Broadley *v.* Edward Fotherby, "concord"; Roger Dixon *v.* Nicholas Hall *alias* Bradberry, "discontinued"; Wm. Lindall *v.* Wm. Umpleby, debt, "concord"; John Pickersgill *v.* Wm. Dodgson, "concord"; Jennitt Revelay, widow *v.* James Hinscliffe, "discontinued"; William Towers *v.* Richard Bland, "concord".

The same Manor: Court Baron of the same Viscount, 7 July, 1666.

Pleas: Vincent Pickersgill, gent. *v.* James Metcalfe, "concord"; Wm. Royston *v.* George Barnard; James Rawson, gent. *v.* Wm. Umpleby, "concord"; James Rawson, gent. *v.* Robert Beedham, "discontinued."

Memorandum, that on the 23rd May, 1666, John Greenefeild, son of Wm. Greenefeild, surrendered into the hands of the lord of the said manor, by John Greenwood, a customary tenant, a cottage or tenement as the same is divided into separate tenements situate and being in Holbecke with one garden or garden-stead, and all other buildings to the same belonging, as now in the several occupations of George Hodgson and John Lawson or their assigns—to the behoof and use of Christopher Booth, his heirs and assigns for ever; which were therefore granted to Christopher, his heirs and assigns, to hold and to have by the ancient rent and services according to the custom of the Manor; and he gives the lord 20s. for a fine and did fealty, and was admitted tenant thereof.

The same Manor: Court Baron of the same Viscount, 28th July, 1666.

Pleas: John King *v.* widow Moxon, "concord"; Christopher Stubbs *v.* Timothy Thorsby, debt 30s., deft. appears and confesses 17s. 6d., denieth the rest, therefore let him appear, "concord"; Anna Walton *v.* John Bedforth, "concord"; Ursilla Burnley *v.* Matthew Whayley, "discontinued"; James Lindall *v.* James Stayner, "discontinued"; John Cocker *v.* Thomas Weddell and

Richard Nelson, "concord'"; Daniel Saunderson *v.* James Metcalfe, "discontinued."

The same Manor: Court Baron,¹ 8th Sept., 1666.

Pleas: Thomas Baxter *v.* William Robinson, "concord'"; William Sturdy *v.* John Bowman, "discontinued"; Abm. Dixon *v.* widow Moxon, "continued"; Rich. Mawde *v.* Thos. Fairbarne, "concord'".

The same Manor: View of Frankpledge and Court Leet of the King, with Court Baron of the most noble Edward, Earl of Manchester, and other Trustees of the most noble Edward, Viscount Irwyn, during his minority,² held at Leeds Kirkgate, 6th October, 1666, before John Stanhope, esquire, steward.

Pleas: Richd. Maud *v.* John Lancaster, for trespass of swine eating and spoyling his grass from May 1st till the latter end of July—def. pleads not guilty; Wm. Snawden *v.* Samuel Wayte, "concord'"; Wm. Swinglehurst *v.* Wm. Mitchell, "discontinued"; widow Fallowfield *v.* John Jubb, "concord'".

Panel for Leedes Kirkgate: Thos. Robinson, Timothy Thorsby, Richd. Wright, Wm. Colton, Christopher Clifton, Thomas Walker, Robt. Reynard, Christopher Harrison, James Foster, Thos. Oliver, John Ash, Samuel Mitchell, Wm. Towers.

Panel for Holbecke: John Brown, Wm. Conyers, Thos. Iles, John Rhoades, John Smith, Hugh Humble, Thos. Lofthouse, James Lambert, Anthony Cloudsley, Tobias Iles, Junr., James Lambert, Jeremiah Kendall, Dionisius Bradford.

Robert Chipping was chosen constable for Leedes Kirkgate for this following year; sworn.

James Rawson was chosen constable for Holbecke for this following year; sworn.

(62 Suitors of Court at Leeds Kirkgate and 31 at Holbeck in amercement for default.)

Leeds Kirkgate: John Shaw of Cullayne presented for allowing his swine to go abroad unyoked and unrun, 3s. 4d.; Thos. Dixon, gent., for not repairing the highway adjoining the Church Ings, being the highway to the Church, 6s. 8d.; John Walker, bricklayer, for allowing his well to be uncovered, to the great danger of passers-by, 6s. 8d.

Holbeck: Thomas Secker presented for an affray against Richard Wayte, fine 6s. 8d.; Anthony Cloudsley fined 3s. 4d. for not appearing; Wm. Hodgson amerced 1s. for not scouring his ditch.

Same Manor: Court Baron of the most noble Edward, Earl of Manchester, etc. (as before), 27 October, 1666.

¹ The name of the lord not stated.

² Henry Ingram, first Viscount Irwin, died in August, 1666; his son and heir, Edward, was then only four years old. The Earl of Manchester and the other trustees are therefore henceforward named as lords of the manor on behalf of the infant viscount.

Pleas: James Rawson *v.* Nathaniel Bayne; Ralph Askwith *v.* Elizth. Symes, widow, "concord"; Gilbert Cooper *v.* Edwd. Peare-son, "concord"; Robt. Layland *v.* Joshua Tomlinson, "concord"; Richd. Nelson *v.* Thos. Fairburne, "concord."

Same Manor: Court Baron, 17th Nov: 1666.

Pleas: John Chilton *v.* Nicholas Hall *alias* Bradbury, "concord"; Jeremiah Lambert *v.* Thomas Walker, debt 26s. 8d., "concord."

Same Manor: Court Baron, 8th December, 1666.

At this Court (or before) the last will and testament of William Coward, decd. (who died within Leeds Kirkegate aforesaid, on "le bond tenure," and within the jurisdiction of the said Manor), was lawfully proved, and also administration of all and singular goods, rights, chattels and debts of the said deceased within the jurisdiction of the said Manor was committed to Elizabeth Coward, sole executrix nominated in the said will, to be administered according to the said will—saving the right of everyone—she being first sworn, according to the custom of the said Manor; and she gives the lord for a fine 3s.

Pleas: Isabel Tayler *v.* John Walker, "discontinued"; James Wilks *v.* James Thornton, "concord"; John Grave *v.* John Walker, "discontinued."

Same Manor: Court Baron,¹ 29th December, 1666.

Plea: Edward Taylor *v.* [blank], def.

Same Manor: Court Baron, 19th January, 1666-7.

Plea: John Hollings *v.* Richard Etherington, debt 7s., "Judgem^t pro quer^{te}, 13 Aprilis. Costs of Court, 7s. 9d."

Same Manor: Court Baron, 9 February, 1666-7.

Pleas: Robert Tynsdale *v.* Robert Smyth, "concord"; John Booth *v.* Thos. Pennington, debt, "concord"; Ralph Coulson *v.* John Thornton, "concord"; Nathaniel Jackson *v.* John Clarke, debt, "discontinued"; Barth. Ibbotson *v.* Robert Slingsby, "concord"; Thos. Idle *v.* Thos. Wilkinson, "discontinued"; Wm. Haineworth *v.* Jonathan Aikeroyd, "discontinued."

Same Court: Court Baron, 2nd March, 1666-7.

Plea: Michael Shaw *v.* Christopher and Joshua Tomlinson, "concord."

Same Manor: Court Baron, 23 March, 1666-7.

Pleas: James Rawson, gent. *v.* Nathaniel Haires; same plaintiff *v.* Richd. Grosier, "discontinued."

Same Manor: Court Baron, 13th April, 19 Chas. II²

Pleas: Anthony Greene *v.* John Almond, "concord"; John Benson *v.* Richd. Simpson, "concord"; John Benson *v.* Christopher Hudson, *super promitt'* to pay 7s. 1d. in or about the month of

¹ For this and several subsequent Courts the name of the lord is not given in the MS.

² The *annus Domini* not stated.

July, 1664; the deft. appears and pleads "non assumpsit," *ideo venire faciat*; judgment for plaintiff for 7s. 1d. damages, and costs 15s. 5d.

Manor of Leeds Kirkgate cum Holbecke.

View of frankpledge and Court Leet of the King, with Court Baron of Edward, Earl of Manchester, and other trustees, etc., as before, held at Leeds Kirkgate, 27th April, 1667, before John Stanhope, esquire, Steward.

Panel for Leeds Kirkgate: fifteen jurymen sworn.

Panel for Holbecke: fifteen jurymen sworn.

Fifty-eight suitors of Leeds Kirkgate in amercement for default.

Leeds Kirkgate: The jurors present the following: John Walker for not having his front paved, fine 3s. 4d.; Richard Nelson for wood lying in the street, 3s. 4d.; Isaac Blackborne for scouring hides (*levand' pelles*) at a certain place called Le Common Stay, 3s. 4d.; Henry Roundell, gent., for rubbish lying in the water, 3s. 4d.; Abraham Dixon for the road (*pro via*) leading to the Church, called Le Calles, 3s. 4d.

The jurors find that Thomas Varley is dead and that Mark Varley is his next heir.

The jurors amerce Nicholas Hall *alias* Bradbury for serving a County warrant within the jurisdiction of the Court of Kirkgate, and all others, £1 6s. 8d.

Holbeck: Thirty-three suitors of Holbeck in amercement for default.

The jurors amerce the following: Leonard Steaner for a scabbed horse going on the common, 3s. 4d.; Christopher Jackson for "burning a brick kill" on the common, 3s. 4d.; the occupiers of the Flatts for not scouring their ditches adjoining the common, 5s.; James Bletherick for the same, 1s. 8d.; Robert Nesse, or the occupiers, for not scouring their ditches adjoining the highway, 3s. 4d.; Adam Hargrave for not scouring his ditch adjoining the common, being the water-course leading towards the house of Tobias Isles, 2s. 6d.; Wm. Linton for the same, 1s. 8d.; Constantine Gibson for not scouring the water-course adjoining to him, leading from Sheepebrig towards Le Meadow layne, 3s. 4d.; Robert Calbeck for not scouring the water-course leading towards Le Meadow layne, 1s. 8d.; Samuel Williamson for allowing his swine "to goe both unyoked and unwrung"¹ to the great damage of the neighbours, 4s. 4d.; William Hodgson for [not]² scouring his ditch adjoining the high road, 3s. 4d.

To this Court came Richard Parke of Leeds, clothworker, and Margaret his wife in proper person (she first being examined separately by the steward) and surrendered into the hands of the lord all that one close of land, meadow, or pasture with the appurt., lying and being in Holbeck, commonly called Barcroft, containing by estimation two acres, more or less, abutting on Holbeck beck to-

¹ Written unwung. Yoke, a wooden frame fastened round the neck of an animal to prevent its straying.

² Omitted in the MS.

wards the south and on the land of John Douglas and Miles Douglas towards the west, and now in the occupation of the said Richard Parke; to the use and behoof of Henry Roundell of Meadow laine in Leeds, gent., and Elizabeth his wife, their heirs and assigns for ever; which are granted by the lord by the steward to Henry and Elizabeth, their heirs and assigns for ever, by the ancient rent and services thence due, according to the custom of the manor: and they give the lord for a fine as appears in the margin, and did fealty, and were admitted tenants thereof. (Fine 40s.; yearly rent 8*d.*)

Manor of Leeds Kirkegate-cum-Holbeck: Court Baron, 25 May, 1667.

Pleas: Wm. Carvill *v.* John Smyth, debt, "concord"; Wm. Millner, gent. *v.* Henry Stanhope, debt, "concord"; Joseph Turner *v.* Henry Stanhope, debt; Henry Thomson *v.* Anthony Todd, debt, "concord"; Timothy Cloudsley (Mr. John Thorsby pledge) *v.* Thos. Iles in a plea of trovers and conversion for 7 st. 1 lb. of thrums¹ delivered, to the value of 38s., Judgment for plaintiff for £1 . 16 . 6: damages and costs 15s. 5*d.* and 19s. 8*d.*; Thomas Irish *v.* George Townson, debt, "discontinued."

Same Manor: Court Baron, 15th June, 1667.

Pleas: Henry Conyers *v.* Richard Lancaster, debt, 39s. 11*d.*; Robert Geofferey *v.* Christopher Dinsdale, "concord"; Zachariah Simson *v.* John Clarke, debt, £1 3s. 0*d.*, no appearance, judgment for plaintiff, costs 8s. 8*d.*; John Lancaster *v.* Robert Yates, "concord"; Robert Hirst, senr. *v.* John Jackson, debt, judgment for plaintiff £1 18s. 6*d.*, costs of Court 6s. 1*d.* and 3s. 8*d.*; Robert Hirst, senr. *v.* Matthew Whayley, "concord"; Vincent Pickersgill *v.* James Metcalfe, "concord"; James Johnson *v.* Edmond Quarfe, "concord."

John Lobley of Sheffield, clerk (by the hands of Henry Roundell of Leeds Maineryding, gent., a customary tenant), surrendered into the hands of the lord a cottage or tenement within Leeds Maineryding on the south side of Leeds bridge and a parcel of land adjoining belonging thereto containing by estimation one acre more or less, and also another cottage or tenement and parcel of land adjoining and belonging thereto containing by estimation one acre more or less in Leeds Maineryding, late in the tenure of James Lobley, dec., or his assigns and now in the tenure of the said John Lobley or his assigns or subtenants: To the behoof and use of the said John Lobley and Ann his wife during their lives and the life of the survivor of them, remainder to the heirs begotten between them, and in default of such heirs to the use of the said John Lobley, his heirs and assigns for ever, by the customary rents and services; and they give the lord for a fine as in the margin² and have done fealty and are admitted tenants.

¹ Thrums—"a weaving term; the waste end of a warp which cannot be woven" (*Eng. Dialect Dict.*).

² Not inserted in the MS.

Same Manor: Court Baron, 6th July, 1667.

Pleas: John Lancaster *v.* Timothy Alderson, "concord"; John Brooke *v.* Richard Barrett, "concord"; Wm. Massie *v.* George Browne, "concord"; Abm. Dixon *v.* Eliz. Moxon, continued till 30th Dec.

Same Manor: Court Baron, 27th July, 1667.

Plea: Wm. Coulthurst *v.* James Lambert, debt, "concord."

Same Manor: Court Baron, 17th August, 1667.

Plea: James Bielby *v.* Richard Barrat, Alex. Hamond, pledge, "concord."

Same Manor: Court Baron, 7th September, 1667.

Pleas: John Greave *v.* John Walker, "discontinued"; Christopher Waide *v.* Richard Sawre.

Same Manor: Court Baron, 28th September, 1667.

Pleas: John Willington *v.* James Baynes, "concord"; Wm. Umplebie *v.* Wm. Pomfrett, "concord."

Same Manor: View of Frankpledge and Court Leet of the King, with Court Baron of Edward, Earl of Manchester, and the other trustees of Edward, Viscount Jirwin, during his minority, held at Leeds Kirkegate, 19th October, 1667, before John Stanhope, esquire, steward.

Panel for Leeds Kirkegate: Thos. Wettenhall, John Ryther, James Foster, Gilbert Cooper, Thos. Watson, Chr. Clifton, Alex. Hammond, Wm. Bramley, Wm. Lutton, Wm. Hogg, Oswald Lambe, John Coming, Robert Ellerson.

Panel for Holbeck: Tobias Iles, senr., Matthew Browne, Thos. Lambert, Robert Holmes, James Barraclough, Chr. Jackson junr., Thos. Clifton, John Smith, Thos. Lee, Robert Freeman, Robert Huggenson, Wm. Hodgson, Francis Harper.

Constables elected for the year following: Wm. Cookson for Leeds Kirkegate, Robert Brotherton for Holbeck.

Leeds Kirkegate: Henry Nevill *alias* Smith, esquire, Roger Portington, esquire, Marmaduke Hicke, alderman, Chr. Watkinson, alderman, the heirs of Wm. Lodge, gent., the heirs of Richard Lodge, gent., Thos. Dixon, gent., Thos. Craster, gent., the heirs of Richard Sikes, gent., the heirs of Francis Allanson, gent., Wm. Curtis, gent., Saml. Jackson, gent., John Thorsby, gent., the heirs of Wm. Marshall, gent., Thos. Littlewood, gent., Brian Dixon, gent., John Hodgson, gent., Stephen Emotson, gent., Edward Robinson esquire, and a number of others, suitors of the Court, in amercement for default.

Nicholas Hall *alias* Bradberie amerced 5s. for an affray on Widow Blackburn, a pauper.

James Atherton, Junr., amerced 5s. for prosecuting a suit against poor people living within the manor, in the County Court of York.

Samuel Burrow, Jr., amerced 5s. for prosecuting a suit by writ for a debt of 5s. 3d. against John Walker, and keeping him prisoner the greater part of a day and night.

Mark Broadley, John Walker, and others amerced each 3s. 4d. for not keeping their "drawell" covered, to the great annoyance of passers-by.

John Walker amerced 3s. 4d. for allowing his swine "to goe abroad unyocked" in the street.

Widow Moxon amerced 3s. 4d. for allowing his swine to go abroad in the street.

Gervase Nevill, gent., amerced 3s. 4d. for allowing his "rubige" to lie in the street, to the great nuisance of passers-by at Le Horse Mill.

Nicholas Hall *alias* Bradbery (? 5s.)¹ amerced for drawing blood on the body of Robert Newm'. The same amerced 3s. 4d. for allowing his dog "to goe abroad unmused," which dog bit several persons.

Holbecke: Adam Hargrave, gent., Stephen Metcalfe, gent., Samuel Sikes, gent., and a number of others, suitors of the Court, in amercement for default.

Thomas Martin amerced 2s. 6d. for allowing his leadbroth² to stand on the highway, by which the road was made unhealthy, against the former pain.

Wm. Hodgson amerced for the like in Le Chapel Garth, 2s. 6d.

Samuel Williamson amerced 2s. 4d. for allowing two swine to go abroad, against the pain. James Stainer and Peter Prince, 2s. 4d. each for the same.

Pleas: Thos. Hardwick *v.* Peter Daniell (Richard Walker, pledge), "discontinued"; Richard Sykes *v.* Richard Simpson.

Same Manor: Court Baron, 9 Nov., 1667.

Plea: Gilbert Cooper, gent. *v.* James Metcalfe, debt, "concord."

Same Manor: Court Baron, 30 Nov., 1667.

Pleas: James Rawson *v.* Richard Hustler, Jr.; Wm. Richardson *v.* Edward Matthew, "concord"; Wm. Ingram *v.* Miles Ellerby, "concord"; Timothy Harwood *v.* Anthony Smith, "concord."

Same Manor: Court Baron, 21 Dec., 1667.

Pleas: Robert Jubb *v.* Richard Hustler, Jr., "concord"; Miles Clarke *v.* Gervase Roper, Eliz. Pierson, pledge, "concord."³

Same Manor: Court Baron, 22 February, 1667-8.

Pleas: Richd. Mawde *v.* Chr. Thomson, "concord"; Nicholas Cowling *v.* Matthew Lunde (Miles Ellerby pledge for defendant), debt, 10s. due upon a wager: deft. appears and pleads that he owes nothing, and the jury find for him; costs 11s. 5d.

Same Manor: Court Baron, 8 August, 1668.

It was witnessed that on the 27 December, 1667, John Pickersgill of Leeds Kirkgate, fellmonger (by the hands of Thomas Robinson, a

¹ The MS. frayed in the margin.

² i.e. dye-water.

³ To this point all the contents of the MS. have been noted; henceforward only the principal items and names are given.

customary tenant), surrendered into the hands of the lord all that mansion house or tenement, with the appurt., in the Callayne, late in the occupation of Roger Hillary with the garth or croft and all and singular the buildings, etc., to the use and behoof of Elizabeth Pickersgill his younger daughter, and her heirs for ever, to hold by the rents and services according to the custom of the manor, and they give for a fine as in the margin,¹ and she was admitted tenant.

Same Manor: View of Frankpledge and Court Leet of the King, with Court Baron of the most noble Edward, Earl of Manchester, etc. (as before), 6 April, 1668, before John Stanhope, esq., steward.

Panel for Kirkgate: Thos. Robinson, James Metcalfe, Robt. Chiping, Marmaduke Procter, John Settle, Richd. Nelson, Robt. Tayler, John Corner, John Shaw, Wm. Dickinson, Rouland Shaw, John Clivinger, and Saml. Mitchell.

Panel for Holbeck: Wm. Allanson, John Roads, Robt. Shaw, Constantine Gibson, Thos. Holmes, Wm. Hainworth, Dennis Bradford, Joseph Baines, Robt. Norris, Thos. Jackson, Richd. Leedham, Laurence Sharpe, Wm. Linton, James Hintchcliffe.

Leeds Kirkgate: Henry Nevill *alias* Smith, esquire, Roger Portington, esquire, Marmaduke Hick, ald., Chr. Watkinson, esquire, the heirs of Wm. Lodge, gent., the heirs of Richard Lodge, gent., Thos. Dixon, gent., Thos. Craister, gent., the heirs of Richd. Sikes, gent., the heirs of Francis Allanson, gent., Wm. Curtis, gent., Martin Iles, gent., Saml. Jackson, gent., the heirs of Wm. Marshall, gent., John Thorsby, gent., Timo. Thorsby, gent., Thos. Littlewood, gent., Edmund Cooper, gent., George Marshall, gent., and a number of others, suitors of the Court, in amercement for default.

Amercements: Thos. Dixon, gent., and occupiers of his land, for not repairing the highway at the entrance in Le Church Ings, beside the river Aire, which is very dangerous for passers by in the night, 6s. 8d.; the occupiers of John Sowden's land for not repairing the highway beside Le Callbrow leading to the Church, 6s. 8d.; Wm. Robinson for the same, 6s. 8d.

Holbeck: Adam Hargreave, gent., Henry Metcalfe, gent., Robt. Nesse, gent., Samuel Sikes, gent., and a number of others, Suitors of the Court, in amercement for default.

Amercements: Thos. Tomlinson for keeping a scabbed horse on the common, contrary to the former pain, 5s.; the same for breaking the pinfold, 3s. 8d.; Peter Prince for allowing his swine to go outside to the injury of his neighbours, 6s. 8d.; Joseph Dilwood for not scouring his ditch adjoining the highway as ordered from time to time, to the damage of the said road, 7s.; John Braft and John Pickersgill for an affray, 5s.; Thos. Atkinson for throwing wood "Anglice polls" (*sic*) in the beck whereby the water is made putrid, and the inhabitants damaged, 2s. 6d.

¹ Not shown.

Same Manor: Court Baron, 13 March, 1668-9.

At this Court came Richard Atkinson of Leeds Callaine, chapman, and surrendered into the hands of the lord all those his houses, cottages, or tenements with the garth and gardens and all buildings thereto appertaining, with the appurt., now in occupation of himself or his subtenants, situate in Le Call Laine, to the uses in his last will expressed and declared, that is immediately after his death to the use of Joan his wife during her natural life, and after her death to the use of Thomas Atkinson his son for his natural life, and after his death to the use of such of his children as shall then be living and of their heirs, to be equally divided; to hold of the lord by the ancient rents and services; and they give the lord for a fine as appears in the margin.¹

(A blank page follows, and it does not appear to what Court the following entry (in different writing) belongs.)

Ralph Dixon of Leeds, who lately held by copy of court roll a cottage and garden in Leeds Kirkgate aforesaid having died, there came into Court Brian Dixon who was found son and next heir of the said Ralph, and sought admission to the premises and was admitted; to hold to himself, his heirs and assigns for ever, by the ancient rents, services, and customs of the manor, and he gives the lord for a fine as appears in the margin² and did fealty and was admitted tenant.

Same Manor: Court Baron, 24 April, 1669.

At this Court came personally Mary Greenwood, widow of John Greenwood, and made a fine with the lord for licence of having administration of all and singular the goods, chattels, and debts belonging to the said John, who died "super Le Bond tenure" within the jurisdiction of the manor, in a house held from the lord of the manor by copy of court roll; to which Mary (she being first sworn before the steward) the lord of the manor, by the steward of the Court, granted such administration, according to the ancient custom and privilege of the manor, used and approved for time beyond memory; saving the right of everyone. And she gives the lord for a fine as appears in the margin.³

Same Manor: View of Frankpledge and Court Leet of the King, and Court Baron of the most noble Edward, earl of Manchester, etc., as before, 3 October, 1668.

Panel for Leeds Kirkgate: Wm. Dodgson, John Gillman, Wm. Atkinson, John Collingson, Thomas Taylor, John Pickersgill, Laurence Moore, Thos. Brice, Edmund Greaves, John Ash, Wm. Towers, Robt. Raynor, Saml. Burrow.

Panel for Holbeck: Richd. Etherington, James Dawson, Thos. Marshall, Richd. Robinson, John Dodgson, Thomas Garmenswaine,

¹ Not shown.

² The fine is not shown, but "redd' 8d." is marked in the margin.

³ Not shown.

Robt. Saunderson, John Hebden, George Tomson, John Dixon, Wm. Shepherd, James Clint, Adam Story.

Francis Briggs chosen Constable for Leeds Kirkgate for the following year; Thos. Iles the like for Holbeck.

(The record for this Court ends here. The next entry, in a different hand, is of the Court Baron of 15th May, 1669.)

Same Manor: Court Baron, 26 June, 1669.

Plea: Nathaniel Jackson *v.* Timothy Thorsbye, "agreed."

Same Manor: View of Frankpledge, etc., as before, 3 October, 1669.¹

Thos. Lupton of Holbeck, clothier, on the 24th March last past surrendered a mansion house, cottage, or tenement, with the appurt., where he then dwelt, with the garth or croft, etc., held by copy of court roll, lying within the manor, to the use of Daniel Lupton, his son, subject to the gifts, legacies, and bequests in his last will, and the said Daniel did fealty and was admitted.

(The next entry, in a different hand, is a grant of administration of the effects of the said Thomas Lupton, dec., to the said Daniel Lupton.)

Panels as copied for 3 October, 1668.

A number of suitors in amercement for default.

Leeds Kirkgate. Amercements: Wm. Marshall for casting his dunghill on the high road to the nuisance of passers by, 3s. 4d.; Thomas Franch for putting his pigsty so near the water that he fouled the stream, 3s. 4d.; Abm. Dixon and his tenant for not repairing the highway in Le Calls leading to the Church, 6s. 8d.

Holbeck. The Jury present the following: Humphrey Monax, knt., for not *carendo* a pair of gantrees in a close called Le Flat which were formerly accustomed to lie there for *carend' de quibus cutū damnif' est*, 5s.; the said Humphrey for neglecting to scour his own ditches, whereby the highway is much damaged, especially in Catt Beeston Laine, 5s.; Mrs. Winfeild or the occupiers of her land for not scouring their ditches adjoining the common, 4d.; Thos. Idle, gent., for turning the water-course, whereby the lord's land belonging to Wm. Lambert is much damaged and broken up, 5s.

Same Manor: Court Baron, 11 December, 1669.

Plea: Gervase Nevill, gent. *v.* John Gilman, debt; continued three times. Judgment for plaintiff, £10 18s. 1d.

Same Manor: View of Frankpledge of the King, and Court Baron of the most noble Edward, Earl of Manchester, etc. (as before), 1 May, 1669.

Panel for Leeds Kirkgate: Mark Broadley, John Cloudsley, Robt. Richardson, Rowland Shaw, John Harrison, Wm. Walker, Robt. Layland, Robt. Hobson, Matthew Ryder, Robt. Newman, Michael Meeke, George Watson.

¹ The month and year have been altered.

Panel for Holbeck: Robt. Brotherton, Richd. Glover, Thos. Holmes, Thos. Pratt, Wm. Riles, Joseph Baines, Richd. Roberts, Tobias Iles, Thos. Calbacke, Thos. Tomlinson, Wm. Burneley, Wm. Browne, Wm. Hainworth.

Leeds Kirkgate: Henry Smith *alias* Nevill, esq., Roger Portington, esq., Marmaduke Hicke, alderman, Christopher Watkinson, alderman, Martin Iles, gent., the heirs of Wm. Lodge, gent., the heirs of Richd. Lodge, gent., Thos. Dixon, alderman, Thos. Craister, gent., the heirs of Richd. Sikes, gent., the heirs of Francis Allanson, gent., Wm. Curtis, gent., Saml. Jackson, gent., Saml. Barlow, gent., the heirs of Wm. Marshall, gent., John Thorsby, gent., Timothy Thorsby, gent., Henry Roundell, gent., Gilbert Cowper, gent., Richd. Mawde, Edmund Cowper, gent., Wm. Massie, Robt. Slingsby, Edward Robinson, esq., and a number of others, in amercement for default.

Presentments: Thos. Illingworth for allowing his swine to go into the Churchyard, 3s. 4d.; Isaac Blackburne and John Ash for the like, 3s. 4d. each; Richd. Mawde for not scouring his ditch, 6s. 8d.; Abm. Dixon for not repairing the highway in Cawley leading to the Church, 10s.

Holbeck: Adam Hargreaves, gent., Richard Ethrington, gent., Samuel Sikes, gent., and a number of others, suitors of the Court, in amercement for default.

Amercements: John Calbecke and Wm. Hodgson for affray, 10s.; James Metcalfe and John Foster for the like, 10s.; Vincent Wilson for not scouring the ditch belonging to the water-course, 6d.; George Turton for not scouring the ditch, and for encroaching upon the high road, 3s. 4d.; Peter Prince for six pigs going out unyoked and unringed, 2s.

Same Manor: View of Frankpledge and Court Leet of the King and Court Baron of the most noble Edward, Earl of Manchester, etc. (as before), 2 October, 1669.

Panel for Leeds Kirkgate: Joshua Dixon, Joseph Turner, Robt. (? Taylor¹), Robt. Pickersgill, Richd. Nelson, Samuel Tetlaw, Wm. Oldred, Thos. Pickersgill, Chas. Clarkson, Thos. Atkinson, Richd. Walker.

Panel for Holbeck: James Rawson, Anthony Cloudsley, James Ellis, Thos. Lofthous, John Wright, John Wise, James Foster, John Lister, Nathl. Staincliffe, John Wood, Edwd. Adderson, Chrstr. Brogden.

Constables: Richd. Cotton chosen for Leeds Kirkgate, Edward Wildman for Holbeck.

Leeds Kirkgate: A number of suitors of the Court in amercement for default.

Holbeck: The like.

Leeds Kirkgate. Presentments: Isaac Blackburne for not repairing the highway leading to the church, Chrstr. Ryther for not repairing the same, at his garth end, 3s. 4d. each; Abm. Dixon and

¹ Frayed at the edge.

James Metcalfe for not repairing the highway at Le Calls, leading to the Church, 6s. 8*d.* each; Edwd. Robinson, gent., for not repairing his "fore front" in Kirkgate, to the great injury of passers by, 6s. 8*d.*

Holbeck. Presentments: Eliz. and Mary Honley for washing wool in the spring on the moor, against the previous pain, 3s. 4*d.*; John Fosse for an assault, 3s. 4*d.*; James Braithicke for the like, 3s. 4*d.*; Peter Prince for tracking hares in the snow, against the statute, 6s. 8*d.*; James Clint for vexing and suing a tenant at common law, against the ordinance of the Court touching frivolous actions, 20s.; Henry Nayler, because his wife washed "vnholosome" clothes in the Moor spring, against the previous pain, 3s. 4*d.*; George Turton of Meadow Lane for an encroachment of four or five yards in length of a stafe hedge¹ at the back of his quickset, upon Peter Mason.²

A "paine" laid that every inhabitant within this manor do keep, maintain, and uphold sufficient fence and fences betwixt neighbourhood and neighbourhood, upon pain of every default, 3s. 4*d.*

Same Manor: View of Frankpledge and Court Leet of the King, and Court Baron of the most noble Edward, Earl of Manchester, etc. (as before), 23 April, 1670.

Panel for Leeds Kirkgate: Joshua Hill, Thos. Atkinson, Isaac Blackburne, John Hardesty, Marmaduke Gray, Robt. Newman, Robt. Hobson, Wm. Cottam, Mattw. Wilkinson, James Wildman, Wm. Burnell, Lawrence Hall, and John Layton.

Panel for Holbeck: Thos. Atkinson, George Thompson, Thos. Hoopes, Denis Bradford, Josh. Lambert, Wm. Redshawe, Richd. Barron, John Calbeck, John Dodson, John Fosse, George Sowden, and others.

Leeds Kirkgate: The jurors find that Samuel Parker of Leeds, clothier, and Grace his wife, customary tenants of and in "all that one litle croft or close with the appurt. lying and being at Hillhousbanks in Leeds aforesd. neare unto the house of Wm. Close," containing an acre, more or less, with a pair of tenters thereupon built, which said premises are in the occupation of Wm. Close, did on the 20th April, 1670, demise and to farm let the said premises to one John Close, above the space of three, to wit for the space of 21 years, without surrender and without making a fine with the lord, contrary to the custom of the said manor, for which cause they find that the premises are seizable into the hands of the lord.

A number of suitors of the Court in amercement for default.³

Amercements: Abm. Dixon, or the occupiers of his land, for defect of "stoopes and payles" in Le Calls and for not repairing the footpath, 13s. 4*d.*; John Throsby, gent., for like defect in his land,

¹ A hedge of stakes interlaced with twigs (*Eng. Dialect Dict.*).

² Penalty not stated.

³ The names are largely as before. Paul Thoresby now appears instead of Timothy Thoresby.

3s. 4d.; Robt. Hobson for allowing his swine to go at large, 2s. 4d.; Jane Ryther and Isaac Blackburne for the like, each 2s. 4d.; the said Isaac Blackburne for keeping false weights, 6s. 8d.; the said Isaac for fouling the waters at the common "stath" by washing his "lymed skins" where the people take water for preparing their victuals, 13s. 4d.; Eliz. Moxon, widow, for allowing her swine to go at large, 2s. 4d.

The said jurors lay a pain that if the surveyors of highways for Kirkgate shall not repair the broken places in the highway leading to the bar before the 20th November next, they shall forfeit 13s. 4d.

Holbeck: A number of suitors of the Court in amercement for default.

Amercements: Chrisr. Cordlay for a well uncovered being dangerous, 3s. 4d.; Adam Hargreaves for pasturing on the moor, without authority, 3s. 4d.; Richd. Roberts and James Ellis for the like, 3s. 4d. each; Peter Prince for allowing his swine to go at large unringed, 3s. 4d.; the occupiers of Winfield land for not scouring their ditches, 1s. 6d.; Thomas Vaces for the like, 1s. 6d.

View of Frankpledge and Court Leet of the King, with Court Baron of the most noble Edward, Earl of Manchester, etc. (as before), 4 Oct: 1670.

Panel for Leeds Kirkgate: Thos. Robinson, Wm. Hargrave, Wm. (? Colison¹), John Hunter, Edmund Greave, Wm. Bramley, John Butterfield, Thos. Brearcliffe, Osswel' (*sic*) Land, Thos. Hopton, Henry Prechley, John Goodricke.

Panel for Holbeck: Tobias Iles, Robt. Holmes, James Dawson, James Cockerham, Nicholas Pollard, Wm. Ryles, Ferdinand Robson, Wm. Wade, Richd. Roberts, Wm. Newall, Wm. Jackson, John Smith.

Leeds Kirkgate: A number of suitors of Court in amercement for default.

Presentments: Abm. Dixon or his tenant, Robt. Rennard, for not repairing the highway to the Church, in Le Calles, 13s. 4d.

Holbeck: A number of suitors of Court in amercement for default.

Amercements: Michael Shaw² for not scouring his ditch adjoining the highway, after notice given, 1s. 6d.; Joseph Cliffe for allowing the overflow of water from his well to damage the highway, contrary to the previous pain, 2s.; Wm. Haughton for "keeping a jakkes³" over the water-course running from the mill at Sheep Bridge, whereby the water is "putrified," against the previous pain, 3s. 4d.; Henry Metcalfe and John Buckle for the like, 3s. 4d. each.

The same Manor: Court Baron, 4 May, 1670.

To this Court came Christopher Waide, bailiff of the manor, in his proper person, before the steward, and certified that he took

¹ An alteration from Brooksbanke.

² Altered from Joseph Cliffe.

³ A place of convenience.

into the hands of the lord all that little croft or close with the appurt., situate and being at Hillhouse Banks in Leeds, near the house of Wm. Close, containing by estimation an acre more or less, and a pair of tenters thereupon, now in the occupation of the said Close, as he had in command, whereof the first proclamation was publicly and solemnly made, etc.

Same Manor: Courts Baron, 4th and 25th June, 1670.

Second and third proclamations respectively of the above-named property in Hillhouse Banks.¹ William Close admitted tenant of the premises, no other claimant having answered to the proclamations.

Same Manor: View of Frankpledge and Court Leet of the King, and Court Baron of the most noble Edward, Earl of Manchester, and other trustees for Edward, Viscount Irwin, during his minority, held 29th April, 1671, before John Stanhope, esquire, steward.

Panel for Kirkgate: Robt. Chippinge, John (? Cumin), Chrisr. Ryder, Wm. Coners, Robt. Richardson, John Clivinger, John Ryther, John Harrison, James Mettclafe (*sic*), Wm. Dickonson, Wm. Sutton, Lawrence Moore, Arthur Burman, and Edmond Hoyle.

Panel for Holbeck: Thos. Martton, Michael Benson, James Breathrike, Tobias Iles, Chrisr. Brogdin, John Wright, John Dixon, John Dodghson, Chrisr. Jackson, Wm. Hodgson, Ralph Mawes, Wm. Moore, Thos. Clifton, and Thos. Garmansway.

At this Court it was found that John Horner late of Tadcaster and Isabel his wife, who held from the lord of this manor three dwelling houses or cottages in Leeds Kirkgate (now or late in the occupation of Robert Brice, Thos. Hill, and widow Coward), were dead; John Horner, their son, admitted tenant in their place.

John Horner of Tadcaster, yeoman, surrendered into the hands of the lord, by John Ryther, a customary tenant, all those three dwelling houses or cottages in Leeds Kirkgate with all easements, appurt., etc., now or late in the occupation of Robert Hill, Thos. Brice,² and widow Coward—to the use of the said John Horner and his assigns during his natural life, and after his death to the use of Sarah Horner, his wife, for her life, with remainder to the use of the heirs of the said John Horner for ever; to hold from the lord by the accustomed rents and services, and he gives for a fine as in the margin³ and did fealty and was admitted tenant.

Kirkgate: The said jurors say that Wm. Nevel *alias* Smith, esquire (1s.), Roger Portington, esquire (1s.), Thos. Craister, gent. (1s.), Thos. Pawson (6d.), Wm. Moorehouse (6d.), George Kocker (6d.), Edwd. Hodgson (6d.), Wm. Fletcher (6d.), Wm. Kidd (6d.), Thos. Taylor (6d.), Thos. Hunseley (6d.), John King (6d.), John

¹ See the record on the roll of the Court, 23 April, 1670.

² The Christian names are here given thus in the original.

³ Fine not stated in margin.

Thosebey, gent. (1s.), Robt. Hill (6d.), Richd. Barras (6d.), Thos. Wilberfoss (6d.), John Wiseman (6d.), John Walker (6d.), Nicholas Hall (6d.), John Johnson (6d.), Edwd. Fotherbie (6d.), Thos. Flockton (6d.), Wm. (? Coners¹) (6d.), owe suit at this Court and this day made default, therefore each of them in amercement as severally appears.

Amercements: The surveyors of highways for Kirkgate for not removing the rubbish lying on the vicar's front, 3s. 4d.; Edmond Marshall, gent., for allowing a "sellor" full of water to lie open to the highway, to the great danger of passers-by, 6s. 8d.; Christopher Curier for casting a dunghill in the street, 6d., the damage of the highway, 2s. 6d.; Susan (? Aroe) for allowing her swine to go abroad to the prejudice of the neighbours, 2s. 6d.

Holbeck: The said jurors say that Adam Hardgraves, gent. (1s.), Henry Metcalfe (6d.), Samuel Sikes, gent. (1s.), John Musgraves, gent. (1s.),² owe suit at this Court and this day made default, therefore each of them in penalty as severally appears.

Amercements: Mattw. Mease for an affray on James Metcalfe, 3s. 4d.; Philemon Speight for the like against a sick man, 3s. 4d.; Ferdinand Robson for allowing his swine to go forth at large against the law, 1s. 8d.; Wm. Ridshey, Peter Prince, James Rawson, for the like, each 1s. 8d.; Wm. Haughton for keeping a "jakes" on the running water to the hurt of people taking water for preparing their victuals, 10s.

Same Manor: View of Frankpledge and Court Leet of the King, and Court Baron of the trustees for the most noble Edward, Viscount Irwin, during his minority, held 30 Septr., 1671, before John Stanhope, esquire, steward.

Panel for Kirkgate: Thos. Wettenhall, Chrisr. Harrison, John Cocke, Richd. Melson, Peter Cloudsley, John Pease, Samuel Mitchell, Thos. Watson, Richd. Walker, Robt. Slingsbie, Wm. Morris, and Wm. Girvill.

Panel for Holbeck: Edwd. Wildman, Richd. Watson, John Roades, Thos. Shipton, Henry Story, James Clint, John Dawson, Wm. Riles, Constantine Gibson, Israel Browne, Henry Hanla, Robt. Cleakston, and Thos. Robinson.

Holbeck: Names of suitors in default as in the Court of 29 April previous.

Amercements: Humphrey Monnox, knt., or the occupiers of the land adjoining Cattbeston lane, for not scouring a water-course, 13s. 4d.; James Rawson, gent., for not scouring his ditch, being a water-course adjoining Le Common, 2s. 6d.; Thomas Riles, Lawrence Loccok and James Brethrick for not scouring the ditch between Le Flat and Le Common, leading to James Rawson's, being a water-course, each 5s.; Anthony Cloudsley for washing wool at a pond on the common, being a nuisance to the inhabitants, 1s. 4d.; Joseph

¹ The name has been altered and is doubtful.

² These are all the suitors named.

Baines, Wm. Linton, and Michael Shaw for the like, each 1s. 4d.; Wm. Shaw for making his "jakes" in the beck to the great nuisance of his neighbours, 2s. 6d.

Kirkegate: Names of suitors in default as in the Court of 29 April.

Amercements: Widow Knapton and her tenants for not making a ditch between her land and Thos. Wenthall's, 13s. 4d.; the said Widow Knapton for not maintaining and repairing a pair of (? roadways—*ianuarum*) to the great damage of her neighbours, 10s.

Also they find that John Dixon of Kirkegate is right heir of Wm Dixon, late of Kirkegate, dec.

(The last entry is of the Court Baron of 24 February, 1671-2, at which there was only one plea, without other business.)

A Leeds Malefactor of 1752.

BY Miss EMILY HARGRAVE.

A thrilling story of how the Devil visited Leeds in the middle of the eighteenth century is a reminder that some of the extraordinary outrages of 1921 in Ireland and elsewhere are not quite the unprecedented occurrences that some of us may have thought.

Much depends upon the form in which an event is recorded. If so literally diabolical a happening as that at which we are going to glance occurred to-day, the newspapers, after their kinds, would have been full of descriptions, and interviews, and illustrations, and surmises of the most sensational character.

A much more sober account suggestive of Defoe in its restraint and in its simplicity, is to be found in a relation of the facts figuring in a book of odds and ends collected by the late Mr. Griffith Wright, under the title, "Matters of Interest to the Town of Leeds." The volume is in the Leeds Reference Library, and includes printed pamphlets and manuscripts relating to local affairs. The particular narrative we shall deal with is said by Mr. Wright to have been "Copied from a MS. in the handwriting of Mr. T. Wilson."

Its interest lies in the vivid glimpse it gives of the life lived by our Leeds forefathers in the eighteenth century, and its mention of the "Leeds Worthies" who appear as *dramatis personæ*. The style and title is somewhat startling. It is introduced as "A narrative of an incarnate Devilish Robbery committed in the house of Mr. William Fearn¹, of Leeds, clothworker, on Friday night, August 14th, 1752, betwixt one and two in the morning, by a person in masquerade representing the Devil, whom Mr. Fearn dismantled of his mask and horns, also of a desperate instrument of cruelty, which the sham Devil mislaid, with a wire to support his horns in a frightful posture, and a steel to strike fire, all which are preserved by Mr. Fearn as Trophies of his brave and heroic victory."

¹ The Fearns were ancient owners of property on the Bank and Quarry Hill, also the Nether Mills. There were several families and the name is spelt Fern and Fearn in the Registers of the Leeds Parish Church. Mr. Wm. Fearn, who gives this graphic account of the robbery, was a widower, his sister keeping house for him. His wife Frances had died in 1728, and his only daughter (Catherine) in 1730, leaving him with one son (Henry, born Oct. 3, 1724).

We are well aware that then or now an occurrence of this kind would cause considerable excitement in the neighbourhood, and would be widely discussed and certainly exaggerated, and we are prepared for the next paragraph which informs us that—

“The account of this robbery having been much misrepresented the following narrative was written as he delivered it from his own mouth.”

This is evidence of authenticity of the most satisfactory kind, so we will let Mr. Fearn tell his story in his own quaint way, merely interspersing notes when a little explanation seems necessary.

On Thursday, August 13th, 1752, I received a certain sum of money from a certain gentleman of this town, and came home betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening, and found my servants and Mr. James Cookson's¹ servants in my working chamber, where they had been shearing a piece of cloth, getting their drinkings, leaving the piece of cloth on the shearing board, and went about their business.

In the dusk of the evening the person that committed the robbery entered the shop door very privated [*sic*] (it being locked before it was dark), and went up into the working chamber and laid himself down upon the cloth.

At 6 o'clock, as usual, I ordered a tankard of ale and my tobacco box to be brought up into my lodging room, and went to bed betwixt nine and ten, leaving the tankard, tobacco box and candle in the candle-stick upon the table, and the door of my room was shut.

On the next morning, August 14th, betwixt one and two o'clock the sham Devil came into my room and took the candle and candle-stick into the working chamber, as is thought (as it appeared by some tinder and some small bits of tallow found there scattered by my servants), strike (and struck) fire with a steel and a flint which he had prepared to light a candle, which done he returned to my lodging room where I was asleep, and minding his opportunity he took my gold watch (which had the maker's name inside, viz. Ward, London) which usually hung upon the chimney piece over my motto—

¹ Mr. James Cookson, born 1723, was the son of Timothy Cookson, and was nephew of William Cookson and grandson of William Cookson (who settled in Leeds about 1652). James Cookson married, in May, 1749, Mrs. Mary Lowry (see Cookson Pedigree, *Thoresby's Ducatus*, 2nd ed., 136).

'Be good, and do good. What is it to serve God and suffer evil?'

Then he took my black shag¹ breeches from the bedside, out of the chamber into the stairs, and took out a sum of money in silver and gold, which was partly Portugal² pieces, leaving the breeches upon the stairs where the Rev. Mr. Cookson³ found them soon after, and a Portobello piece which the villain left on the stairs.

I, not knowing what had happened, awaked with my eyes perfectly opened, and saw my curtains partly drawn, my chamber door open, and a light shining into my room from the stairs.

I cried out 'Lord, what is the matter,' casting my eyes that instant to the closet door which is opposite to my chamber door, I saw as I thought the appearance of the devil, in black with a pair of horns fourteen inches long upon his head, black and knotted, also a mask over his face.

Upon the sight of this terrible object, though at the time I had the gout upon me, I immediately jumped out of bed.

I seized the masquerade Devil as he was opening my closet door, by grasping my right arm about his neck and really found the sham Devil only to be a man! to my great surprise—whereupon like a fierce lion against his antagonist I pressed his head to my breast and his hands being loose he struck me violently with a stone, as I thought he had in his hands—then taking more courage I hauled him over the floor from my closet door towards the window, finding I was stronger than he, that he seemed as a child in my arms and almost as tame as a lamb.

But I being mindful of the old saying, 'after a calm cometh a storm,' I began to suspect he had some instrument of cruelty about

¹ Shag, a kind of broadcloth having a long coarse nap. John Gay (1688-1732) writes of "Witney Broad-Cloath with it's Shag unshorn" (*Trivia*, 1716, i, 47). Witney is still famous for its blanket manufactories.

² The Portuguese moidore, value £1 7s., was current in England during the eighteenth century, the English coinage being much debased. The following is an extract from the *Leeds Mercury*, March 16, 1773: "At a meeting of merchants and tradesmen held in the Talbot Inn in this town, it was agreed to take all kinds of Portugal Gold which shall appear good and of sufficient weight." The writer is acquainted with a member of a very old-established business firm in Leeds possessing a pair of small scales used expressly for weighing "Portugal Gold." No doubt many readers will remember an account of an eighteenth century robbery in one of the "*Ingoldsby Legends*" (The Hand of Glory), where the robbers are apprehended at an inn: "And fair rose nobles and *bright moidores* the waiter pulls out of their pockets by scores."

³ Rev. Edward Cookson, son of the Rev. Joseph Cookson (Vicar of Leeds 1716-45), was born Aug. 19, 1712, was educated at University College, Oxford, and became Lecturer of the Leeds Parish Church 1741. He married ——— daughter of ——— Marsden, Esq., Wennington Hall, Lancs. He died in 1757.

him and wanted a proper opportunity to exert his diabolical fury from which I might expect nothing but immediate death, I opened my casement with my left hand and cried out ' Rogues, thieves, he is safe, he is safe.'

The fellow before I awakened, when he took my watch or breeches, laid down upon the table a large iron beef skewer with a large pummel¹ of lead, which I presume very providentially in our scuffle rolled off the table and stuck fast between it and the wall, so the villain was happily disappointed and lost it.

Whereupon he took up my leaden tobacco box and therewith began to strike me in the forehead and other parts of my head, breast and arms, which cut and bruised me grievously that I cried out again, ' Murder, murder, rogues, thieves, he is safe, he is safe.'

The villain still beating me and wounding me in several places, yet I still held him fast in my arms, being chill with my shirt only on me and barefoot, I flang him upon the bed and still held him there, and he having bruised the box that it was of little use to him, he threw it away while we were upon the bed, then he grappled with his hands and struggled with all his might to get himself from me but could not.

My sister and housekeeper (aged 65 years) being in bed below and hearing the noise above came upstairs and found the candle where the sham Devil had set it and found both upon the bed, and altho' I had lost much blood I still held the villain fast in my arms and dismantled him of his horns, mask, etc., which horns were fixed upon his head with a piece of wire to keep them steady and at a due distance, and the mask being black silk was gathered and tied under his chin.

Then I desired my sister to look at his face, upon that the villain sprung out one of his feet and dashed the candle out of her hand, but I myself saw that a small part of his face was white, the rest daubed with soot, and his head seemed to have been shaved about a month ago, and that his temples were nearly² shaved, and she went downstairs to light the candle and left us upon the bed, when the villain struggled hard to quit himself from me, so that we both got accidentally on our feet upon the floor, and he trod and stamped upon my fore-feet and crushed them grievously which was prodigious pain to me, but notwithstanding he could not get loose.

¹ Pummel or pommel, a knob or lump of metal (2 *Chron.* iv, 12).

² Temples *newly* shaved not *nearly*. This is an obvious slip in handwriting by somebody. The meaning is that the temples showed perfectly "clean," proving that they had been shaved recently, in accordance with the wig-wearing customs of the time.

At last the dismantled sham incarnate Devil pushed me against my large easy chair which I usually sit in, that we both fell on the floor, I still bleeding very much when I felt by the moisture and chilliness of my shirt, which clung to me in tatters like a wet and cold dishcloth.

After a little struggle I felt myself grow feeble, and let the villain go—and it being dark he could not find any sort of weapon to exert any further his diabolical rage against me, he made the best means he could to get to the casement; and leaped out of it, about five yards high from the ground, into St. Peter's Churchyard.

I, getting up almost as soon as him, and looking out of the casement, saw him pass on the left-hand side of Benjamin Livesey's house into the Calls. I observed he was young and slender and of low stature.

Mrs. Deborah Stevenson and Mrs. Mabel Thompson, both of them the Rev. Mr. Cookson's servants, saw him descend from a casement, and when he alighted they observed that he made a stop and shook himself, as if he was stunned by his fall, and presently he went to the left hand and turned into the Calls.

Miss Jenny Marsden, sister to Mrs. Cookson, also saw him go that way. Henry Marsden, Esqr., brother-in-law to Mr. Cookson, being then at Mr. Cookson's house (which joins in an angle to my house), and being awaked by the noise of hearing me cry 'Murder,' etc., and wondering from whence it proceeded, he immediately called out, 'Esquire, what is the matter?' I answered, 'Sir, I am robbed and almost murdered.' Upon that I went to bed all over bloody as if bathed in gore, and there I was about three minutes before any person came to me.

My sister at last brought a light, and immediately after came Mr. Cookson's servants and were terribly affrighted on seeing me in such a bleeding condition. Soon after came Mr. Marsden, and when he saw me he was so astonished he could not stay in the room.

Then came Mr. Cookson without his stockings, and on his first sight of me he said my throat was cut, but having courage he searched with his fingers and found my throat and neck whole. He made the most haste he could with Mr. Marsden, went to Alderman Kennion's,¹ called upon him, awoke him and told him 'The Esquire' was robbed and almost murdered.

¹ Alderman Edward Kennion, Apothecary, resided in Briggate. Mayor of Leeds in 1731 and 1746. Wilson states that he was descended from an ancient family in Lancashire. He married Mary, daughter of James Kitchingman, of Leeds (see Pedigree, *Thoresby's Ducatus*, 2nd ed., 257).

Mr. James Kennion¹ was called and came almost immediately and searched my wounds, whereof some were on my head; and most of the upper parts of my body, arms and feet werè miserably battered and crushed.

When Alderman Kennion came he sent for the constable, granted a search warrant and ordered an advertisement to be published in the *Leeds Mercury*.

In the morning crowds of people came to see the horns, mask, iron skewer, etc., which the sham Devil left behind him, so Mrs. Cookson sent all the things to the next publichouse, and locked up my house doors that I might not be disturbed with the tumultuous noise.

Mr. James Kennion, chyrurgeon, attended me all that day, by whose indefatigable care and skill, with the help of God, I happily recovered in a fortnight's time.

On Sunday se'nnight after I went to church to return thanks to Almighty God for mercies received and dangers escaped: and to my great comfort the account of the *Good Samaritan*² was the Gospel of the day.

A stranger clergyman preached from the following text: 'Be not ignorant of Satan's devices.'

It would be interesting to know if the perpetrator of this singular robbery was ever discovered.

The "sham Devil," whoever he was, was probably aware that had he been caught he would have been in serious peril of the law on more points than one.

In the early Georgian era many new capital offences were created, and presumably in 1752 the Statute 9 Geo. I, c. 22 (1722), known as the "Black Act," was still in force. It made going about at night with "black faces" and in disguise a hanging matter. The enactment was aimed primarily at highwaymen and was also meant to stop the robbing of warrens and fishponds, cutting down plantations, killing deer, etc.

¹ James Kennion, surgeon, the son of Alderman Kennion, was born Aug. 17, 1728. He married, at Headingley, May 25, 1752, Elizabeth Cookson, sister to the Rev. Edward Cookson. She died in 1753, and he afterwards married Elizabeth, daughter of ——— Parkinson, Esq., of Hatfield (see Pedigree, *Thoresby's Ducatus*, 257). He was an Alderman and Mayor of Leeds in 1766. Died March 21, 1808. Two of his grandsons, officers in the Life Guards, were present at the battle of Waterloo.

² 13th Sunday after Trinity.

It was this act which drew from Sir James Mackintosh the sarcastic observation that "if a gentleman is going to a masquerade and is obliged to pass along a highway, he is liable, if detected, to be hanged."

But Mr. Fearn's assailant managed to gain a considerable start, and it seems to have been an easy matter for criminals in those days, if so minded, to become permanently "missing."

Mr. Wm. Fearn seems to have been rather unfortunate in the matter of robberies, as the *Leeds Intelligencer* of Thursday, Jan. 20th, 1756, contains the following advertisement:

"Stol'n.

From Mr. William Fearne, in the Church yard, Six large Silver Spoons, mark'd W.F. Four large Silver Spoons, H.F., one large Silver Spoon, K.F., and another Silver Spoon, A.B.C. Six Tea Spoons and two Silver Salts, the marks uncertain, and a small Silver-hafted Knife and Fork.

The robbery is supposed to be committed by a Boy in a green Waistcoat and Breeches and blue Stockings.

If any of the Plate is offer'd to be pawn'd or sold please to stop the Person and acquaint Mr. Fearne who will give a proper Reward."

The Churchyard and Kirkgate, the locality where Mr. Fearn lived, would be a comparatively rural spot in those days, judging from an extract made from the "Deaths" in the *Leeds Mercury* of Jan. 12th, 1833:

"On Tuesday last in Butterworth's yard, Kirkgate, in this town, where she had resided for upwards of 60 years, Elizabeth Wilkinson, aged 93. This ancient female retained the use of all her faculties till within a short time of her death. She has been often heard to tell of seeing a hedge growing on one side of Marsh Lane, and at the time she went to live in the Yard in which she died the fields came close up to it, though there is scarce one now within half a mile."

Mr. Wm. Fearn died in January, 1766, from gout, and the following is a copy of the will:

"In the name of God Amen. I, William Fearn of Leeds, Cloth dresser, being very weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, I give to my beloved son, Henry Fearn, all my real and personal estates and I appoint him sole executor. Dated 21 Oct., 1765. Wm. Fearn. Witnesses, George MacAndrew, Richd. Watkinson, Samuell Chappell. Pass'd Seal 18 Feb., 1766."

Notes on the Importation of English Wool into Ireland as Affected by the Union.

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I.

On March 26th, 1800, it was resolved by the two Houses of the Parliament of Ireland that, "in order to promote and secure the essential Interests of Great Britain and Ireland, and to consolidate the Strength, Power and Resources of the British Empire, it will be advisable to concur in such Measures as may best tend to unite the Two Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland into One Kingdom, in such Manner, and on such Terms and Conditions, as may be established by the Acts of the respective Parliaments of Great Britain and Ireland." It would be fit to propose, as the Sixth Article of Union, so the resolution proceeded, that, "from the First Day of January, 1801, all Prohibitions and Bounties on the Export of Articles the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of either Country to the other, shall cease and determine, and that the said Articles shall thenceforth be exported from one Country to the other without Duty or Bounty on such Export: that all Articles the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of either Kingdom" (save certain enumerated Articles) "shall from henceforth be imported into each Country from the other free from Duty" "and that the Woollen Manufactures shall pay on Importation into each Country, the Duties now payable on Importation into Ireland"

At that time there existed a prohibition against the export of home-grown wool from England¹; and the result of these proposals would be to modify this prohibition in favour of Ireland.

II.

On April 28th, 1800, there was read in the British House of Lords a "Petition of the Merchants, Factors, Warehousemen, and

¹ Under the Statute of 12 Charles II, c. 32, which also prohibited the export of wool from Ireland; but under 1 Wm. and Mary, c. 32, sec. 6, and 7 and 8 Wm. and Mary, c. 28, sec. 5, Irish wool could be exported to specified ports on the west coast of England.

others, concerned in the Wool and Woollen Trade, residing in *London*, and of Manufacturers deputed from Districts where Wool is wrought up; setting forth, 'That the Petitioners observe with inexpressible Concern, that in the projected Arrangement of the Union with the Sister Kingdom, she proposes that the existing Laws prohibiting the Exportation of *British* Wool should be repealed so far as relates to herself, whilst on her Part she claims the Continuance of protecting Duties for her Woollen Manufactures; that the Petitioners humbly conceive and believe, that the Growth of Wool in *Great Britain* is not sufficient to supply the Manufactures thereof with a Quantity equal to the present Demand for Home Consumption and Foreign Markets, so that if any Part is suffered to be taken away, the Petitioners and the Manufacturers must experience very great Injury; that the Petitioners are most seriously alarmed in case *British* Wool should be permitted to be exported; that under Pretence of carrying it to *Ireland*, great Quantities would be conveyed to Foreign Countries, without the Possibility of Prevention (especially in Times of Peace), and that the Facility with which it might be passed from various parts of *Ireland*, free from Detection, furnishing strong Apprehensions that still larger Quantities would find their Way into Foreign Countries, whereby the *British* Merchant and Manufacturer would suffer, and the Enemies and Rivals of the United Kingdom be furnished with means of supplanting both the Petitioners and the new Members of the Empire in Foreign Markets'; and therefore praying, 'That no Alteration may be made in the existing Laws, so far as they prohibit the Exportation of Wool, and that the Petitioners may be heard by their Counsel at the Bar of this House.' "

It was ordered "That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole House, appointed to consider the Address and Resolutions of the Two Houses of the *Irish* Parliament and that the Petitioners be at Liberty to be heard by their Counsel, as desired."¹

On May 1st, 1800, the Petitioners were heard by the Committee, and the following gave evidence²:

Mr. William Hustler (Bradford), Mr. Christopher Rawdon (near Halifax), Mr. Thomas Lumb (Wakefield), Mr. John Ratcliffe (Saddleworth), Mr. William Fisher (Leeds), Mr. John Willis (Stroud), Mr.

¹ *Lords' Journals*, xlii, 449.

² Minutes of evidence relating to the Woollen Manufactory; ordered to be printed May 1st, 1800.

Jeremiah Naylor (Wakefield), Mr. Benjamin Gott (Leeds), Mr. Jonas Nottage (Bocking, Essex), Mr. James Masterman (Lavenham, Suffolk), Mr. William Jenkins (Shepton Mallet, Somerset), Mr. Nathaniel Wathen (Stroud), Mr. Robert Mears (Frome).

Mr. William Hustler stated that he lived at Bradford, his business being that of a wool stapler. He had been engaged in that business for about sixteen years; and his father was engaged in the same business for about sixty years. He was also engaged in the coal trade at Liverpool.

He calculated that the quantity of wool grown in England ("in this Kingdom") had not materially altered since 1782, when it was estimated at 600,000 packs, of 240 lbs. each.¹ In certain cases the supply had diminished as a result of enclosures and of the introduction of a new breed of sheep. An increase in the fertility of the soil had the effect of rendering wool heavier and of less value. He estimated the average value of a pack of wool to be £11 10s.; in 1779 the price had been about £5. The supply, he considered, was insufficient; and he could not remember any difficulty in buying the quantity required before 1799 and 1800, except at the end of 1792, when the wool of the country was bought up on speculation by wool staplers and country bankers. With regard to proposals for an increase of quantity, it was certain that by encouraging a larger breed of sheep the quality would be deteriorated. His estimate was that on an average the value of wool was trebled by its manufacture. His father had calculated that in 1782 the number of people employed in this manufacture and dependent upon it was 3,000,000; since that date the number had been lessened by the introduction of machinery. He was not an importer of foreign wool.

On the question of freights, the carriage of a pack of wool from Exeter to Leeds *via* London was 29s. 3d. if sent by land from London to Leeds, and 21s. 3d. if sent by sea from London to Leeds; the finer sorts of wool were usually sent by land from London. To Ireland the freight of conveying a pack of wool from Exeter would probably amount to 4s. only. If, therefore, the prohibition to export wool to Ireland were removed, Ireland would be supplied with wool from the south and western coasts of England at a far

¹ From a return prepared by the Inspector-General of the Imports and Exports of Great Britain on April 30th, 1800, the total foreign wool imported for 1799 was only 4,935,839 lbs., of which 4,891,305 lbs. were Spanish. The proportion, therefore, of home-grown wool to foreign used in manufacture was in 1799 about 33 to 1.

cheaper rate than the Yorkshire manufacturers; and he was of opinion that a large quantity of wool would immediately be bought in the English markets for the use of the Irish manufacturers, the consequence of which must be that British manufacturers would be deprived of employment.

Mr. William Fisher stated that he was a merchant at Leeds, having dealt in cloth and coatings for twenty-eight years.¹ He had recently had difficulty in procuring short wool from Northumberland, the borders of Scotland, and London; and during the last two months had been obliged to return one-half of the orders that he had received from the Continent of Europe.

The other petitioners gave similar evidence as to the shortage of supply in the raw material: *Mr. Christopher Rawdon* mentioned the scarcity that obtained at the Wakefield, Halifax, and Keighley markets; and his works had been closed for a week on that account; in Lincolnshire his agent could scarcely find a parcel of wool in a ride of forty miles. *Mr. Thomas Lumb*, a wool stapler at Wakefield, confirmed the opinion that the introduction of turnips for food and of artificial grasses tended to enlarge the growth of the wool, the length of it, and to lower the quality for manufacturing purposes. With regard to Ireland, *Mr. Benjamin Gott*, of Leeds, had special knowledge. He considered that if English wool could be exported to Ireland free of duty, whilst, on the other hand the protecting duties in Ireland in respect of manufactured woollen goods continued, English manufacturers must either follow the raw material or must be a "burthen to the parish" in which they live.

The proceedings in the House of Commons had been of a similar character. On April 28th, 1800, "a considerable number of petitions were presented by Mr. Wilberforce, Mr. Lascelles, and other Members, against the resolution which went to permit the exportation of British wool. The petitions were referred to the committee on the King's Message respecting an union with Ireland. The House having resolved itself into the said committee, Mr. Law was heard at the bar in behalf of the petitioners, and a number of witnesses were examined."² On April 29th "further witnesses were examined; after which Mr. Plumer summed up the evidence in behalf of the petitioners."³

¹ Before the House of Commons Committee he was described as a merchant twenty-eight years and manufacturer ten years.

² Parliamentary History.

³ *Ibid.* The following gave evidence: Mr. William Hustler, Mr. Christopher Rawdon, Mr. Thomas Lumb, Mr. Joseph Lewis (Stroud), Mr. John Ratcliffe,

III.

On May 1st Mr. Pitt stated in the House of Commons that "he had listened with attention to the evidence brought forward by the petitioners, but had not been convinced that the exportation of wool to Ireland would so far endanger the woollen manufactures of this country, as to interfere with the general policy of the measure"; and he proposed that the sixth resolution of the two Irish Houses be agreed to. The case for the petitioners was taken up by Mr. Wilberforce.¹ He grounded "the propriety of preventing the exportation of British wool to Ireland entirely on the position, that the quantity we grow is inadequate to the consumption of our own manufacturers." He pointed out that "in several particulars the natural advantages of Ireland for carrying on the woollen manufacture might be shown to be greater than those of Great Britain, particularly in the article of water, and of easy internal communication by navigable rivers"; and "it was not possible to forget the prodigious difference, not only in wages of labour, price of provisions, and habits of life, but in taxes and other burthens of a similar nature." He considered that the importation of wool into Ireland was unnecessary in a measure which contained so many instances of a modification of the principle of complete union; and pointed out that it made no part of the commercial propositions of 1785. Moreover there was no reason to annul the compact, dating back to the days of William III, under which the Irish woollen manufactures were discouraged and the Irish linen manufactures were encouraged. His speech ended with a description of "the prosperity, the domestic comfort, the industry, the spirit of independence and of rational liberty, which the woollen manufactures had diffused over a country naturally barren and thinly peopled"; and he trusted that there would not be incurred "the

Mr. John Willis, Mr. Jeremiah Naylor, Mr. Benjamin Gott, Mr. Josias Nottidge, Mr. James Masterman, Mr. Joseph Stancliffe.

Their evidence was curiously similar to that given before the House of Lords' Committee. But the following additional points are of interest. Mr. Hustler gave a statement of the number of broadcloths milled in the West Riding for each year between 1726 and 1799, and of narrow cloths for each year between 1738 and 1799. In 1799 the totals were 8,806,688 yards broads and 6,377,277 yards narrows. He considered that the annual value of the English woollen manufacture was £19,800,000. This figure was substantially confirmed by Mr. Christopher Rawdon, who estimated the amount of vested capital involved as £6,500,000; and the quantity of woollen manufactures exported as being four-ninths of the total. Mr. Hustler stated that combing wool appeared to be one half of the growth of the wool of the kingdom.

¹ He referred to "the numerous and respectable body of men engaged in the woollen manufacture of this Kingdom"; and, in particular, to Mr. Hustler as "a wool-stapler of superior intelligence and extensive dealings." For the quotations from his speech, see *Parl. History*.

smallest risk of endangering the continuance of this happy scene, and of drying up or diverting the stream which has proved to this extensive district the source of so many blessings." But these words were spoken when the woollen manufactures were still in their domestic stage, before the complete development of the factory system; and it was the latter, and not the articles of Union with Ireland, that changed the happy scene which Mr. Wilberforce described. Meanwhile, his plea was answered by Mr. Pitt, who had not the least reason to apprehend the results that the petitioners had foreshadowed; and the resolution was agreed to by a large majority.

IV.

It is probable that this result was a foregone conclusion. In the British Parliament the opposition to the Irish resolutions was never of a formidable character; and Mr. Lecky states that "the only serious danger to be encountered in England was from the jealousy of the commercial classes, and their opposition appears to have been almost exclusively directed against the clause which permitted the importation of English wool into Ireland."¹ This clause was as important a one as any in the eyes of the promoters of the Union. "We are most impatiently looking," wrote Lord Cornwallis on May 2nd, "to the decision of the British Parliament on the woollen business, on the event of which I think the success of our great measure entirely depends. By our last express I understand Mr. Pitt had said that he thought the petitioners had made out no case."² And on April 22nd he had written to a correspondent in England, "If you make no alteration about the wool, there can be no doubt of success."³ It is therefore unlikely that Pitt would have been ready to consider an amendment calculated to endanger the Union.

Nor, in the light of actual results, were the fears of the petitioners justified. An increase took place in the importation of foreign wool⁴; and the report of the Committee of the House of Commons on the Woollen Manufacture in England in 1806 indicated a satisfactory state of prosperity.

¹ Lecky, *History of Ireland in the 18th Century*, v, 408.

² *Cornwallis Correspondence*, iii, 231.

³ *Ibid.*, iii, 230.

⁴ "The average importation of six years, ending with 1807, was 8,262,733 lbs., and the average of the next eight years, ending with 1815, was 8,886,853 lbs., including in the last two years not less than 1½ million of lbs. of native wool, imported from Ireland" (A letter to the Right Hon. Lord Erskine by Philopatria (John Clay, of Rastrick), 1818, p. 13).

The Return made by the Leeds Commissioners to the Archbishop of York

in respect of the Poor Benefices in Leeds and the Bounty
of Queen Anne.

COPIED BY THE REV. R. J. WOOD, M.A.

*(The Archbishop's Commission is dated June 27, 1716, and the
Return was required not later than August 1st.)*

BY VERTUE of a Comission under the hand and seal of the most
reverend father in God William Lord Archbishop of York to us and
others directed, pursuant to an Act of Parliament made in the first
year of His present Majty for making more effectual her late Majties
gratious intentions for augmenting the maintenance of the poor
clergy,

WE whose names are hereunto subscribed have endeavoured
by such ways and means as we adjudged most proper to inform our-
selves of the clear improved yearly value of the several Chapelries
hereunder named within the Parish of Leeds which are likewise
mentioned and set down in the margin of the said Comission. And
the returns made to us in writing upon oath are in substance as
follows, viz:

For ARMLEY.

That the Chapel was endowed by Sr Miles Stapilton Lord of the
Manor of Armley in conjunction with the freeholders or inhabitants
with fifty four acres of Land belonging to the Wastes of Armley
But only thirty acres inclosed which with a Mantion Hous and
Barn lately built thereupon makes per Annum Rent . £25 16 8

That there is a Yearly Rent due and payable to the
said Chapel (out of an Hous on Armley Moor in the pos-
session of Jonas Thornton) of 0 4 8

Total £26 1 4

Returned upon the oaths of Mr. Joshua Keighley
and John Walker, Inhabitants of Armley.

For BEESTON.

That there is a Rent issuing out of certain Lands and Housing
at per Ann. £18 0 0

More left by Alderman Thomas Kitchingman by his
Will to be paid by his Executors yearly 10 0 0

Total £28 0 0

Returned upon the oaths of Mr. John Atkinson
Richard Harper and Ralph Royle, Inhabitants of
Beeston.

For HUNSLETT.

That there are Rents issuing out of certain Lands within the said Chapelry given by several of the chief Inhabitants there in 1636 wherewith the said Chapel was endowed upon the consecration thereof amounting to the Yearly Sum of . . . £13 6 8

Given by the Will of Mr. William Massie late one of the Aldermen of the Burrough of Leeds decd. a Yearly Rent issuing out of a Parcell of Land lying in Hunslett afore-said being 2 10 0

Total . . . £15 16 8

1714. Six acres of Hunslett Common inclosed pursuant to an Act of Parliament for inclosing Common ground within the West Riding of Yorkshire which are computed at the Yearly value of 6 0 0

Total . . . £21 16 8

Returned upon the oaths of Lawrence Bullough and Samuel Hutton, Inhabitants of Hunslett.

For HOLBECK.

That there is the Interest of £100 given by Mr. Thomas Idle late of Holbeck at 5 per cent. per annum is . . . £5 0 0

¹Old Field Farm Rent per annum . . . 1 0 0

Part of Rent called Anderton's Rent given by Tobias Iles late of Holbeck . . . 5 14 8

By the Interest of £30 the overplus of the said Mr. Iles' estate . . . 1 10 0

More from the Rent of a dwelling-house and barn given by the said Mr. Iles is per annum . . . 3 4 0

Total . . . £16 8 8

Returned upon the oaths of Mr. Robert Hetherington, Thomas Oddy and Andrew Hollingworth, Inhabitants of Holbeck.

For HEADINGLEY.

That there is a Yearly Rent issuing out of the Chapel Yard of £0 5 0

Also a Rentcharge left by Benjamin Wade, Esq., out of certain Lands lying at Bolton near Bradford of per ann. 10 0 0

And the Yearly Interest of £28 left by Mr. Jonas Cotes is 1 8 0

Total . . . £11 13 0

Returned upon the oaths of Benjamin Wade, Esq., John Moore, Gent., and Thomas Hinchcliffe, Inhabitants of Headingley.

¹ The gift of Henry Metcalfe, who died in May, 1640.

For CHAPELL ALLERTON.

That there is one dwelling hous and the Chapel Yard purchased by the contributions of some Gentlemen in Leeds and the Inhabitants of Chapell Allerton amounting per annum only to £2 10 0

Returned upon the oaths of Matthew Bywater and Thomas Whalley, Inhabitants of Chapell Allerton.

For BRAMLEY.

That there is a Rentcharge paid out of John Snowden's lands in Bramley of per ann. £3 0 0

Also a Hous, Barn and Croft left by Mr. John Morley late of Bramley with the appurtañces computed at per ann. 3 10 0

And several parcels of Common lately inclosed upon Whitecoat Hill and Bradley Hill in Bramley now leased to several Tenants at ye Annl. Rent 23 11 0

Total £30 1 0

Returned upon the oaths of Edward Smith and Thomas Brethrick, Inhabitants of Bramley.

For FARNLEY.

That there is a Yearly Sallary of six pounds paid by the Crown to the Curate of Farnley, which the deponent received when he officiated there, out of which the Auditor who paid the same deducted ten shillings for fees, so that the Yearly Receipt is only £5 10 0

Returned upon the oath of Benjamin Dennison, Clerk, Curate of Holbeck.

In Testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names the 31st day of July An. Dmi. 1716.

Croft Preston, Mayor. Wm. Cookson.

William Milner. Jos. Cookson, Vicar of Leeds.

William Blanshard.

(The Rev. Henry Lodge and the Rev. John Ray were appointed as Commissioners by the Archbishop, but they did not sign the Report.)

Anderton Rents, 1708.

[Copied from a MS. book formerly belonging to Alderman WM. COOKSON.]

An account of the Rents charged upon several Lands in or near Holbeck called Anderton Rents.

Mr. Caleb Askwith, Alderman, 18s. 1½d. Madam Calverley, widow of Alderman, 10s. 8d. Mrs. Barstow wid. 5s. Widow Browne 10d.

Mrs. Jennet Bloome 1s. Mr. Tho. Kitchingman, Alderman, 10s. Do. for Close called Syke bank 2s. Esqr. Wombwell for Tho: Thornton Land, 3s. 4d. Mr. Jno. Douglas for Gooderick Close, 4s. 7½d. Wm. Gaunt for Humbles, 2d. Mr. Wm. Cookson junr. for Oxclose, 3s. 4d. Mr. Henry Ellis for ditto, 3s. 4d., formerly one close. Anth: Markham 4s. 8d. James Walker for Briggs land, 2s. 9d. Mrs. Kirk for Wescoe land, 13s. 4d. Mr. Hen. Moore 3s. Mr. Jno. Greve for Hargrave Land, 9d. Mr. Shilito for Kirby wharf Lands [near Tadcaster], £3. Mr. Stubs land call'd Leckas now Mr. R. Idles, 10s. 4d. Do. for Lamberts & Holms, 4s. Mr. Tob: Iles Lands 12s. 8d. Lord Irwin 2s. Mr. Nevill 11s. Lawson Land 5s. 6d. Tho: Leigh 1s. 8d. Nath: Johnson 6s. 8d. Tho: Wainwright 2s. 9d. Mr. Rob: Hetherington for Brown houses, 10d. Wid: Fallowfields trustees 3d. John & Tho: Langscar 3d. Joseph Lazenby 3d. Joseph Hargrave for Bains houses, 1s. 2d. Tho. Oddy houses & Jos: Oddy heirs 1s. Mr. Coppendale for Zech: Moor houses, 1s. 6d. Jose: Oddy junr. 9½d. Wid: Hey houses 10d. Mr. Martin Huntington 5s. 4d. Joseph Butler & Jos: Robson 2s. 7d. Jackson land and houses 9d. Wid: Rishworth houses 6d. Jno. Syddall 7s. 8d. James Thomson 8d. Jno: Braithwait heirs 1d. Danll: Pickering for forster houses, 1s. Tho: Robinson 2d. Total £11 9s. 1½d.

These Rents were at the Death of Mr. Tho: Idle of Holbeck half in his hands, and left by him to his Da: Susanna married to Dr. Stubs, by whom sold to Mr. Robt. Idle who married his younger Daughter. The other half was in the hands of Mr. Tobias Iles and Continued so till his death which was in the year 1707-8 and then left by him to the Preaching Minister of Holbeck. They generally collected them alternately, viz. one one year and the other the next.

G.D.L.

Notes on Leeds Chapels.

[In a MS. Book formerly belonging to WM. COOKSON,¹ Mayor of Leeds.]

Taken out of Mr. Brian Dixon's Papers. Upon the consideration [? consecration] of Hunslet Chappell Anno 1636 called St Maries: endowed with £13 10s. p annum forth of severall mens lands in Hunslet as by the said consideration [? consecration] deed will appear.

Mr. Robert Brook hath in his hands a silver tankerd worth about 3 or 4 pounds which was given by Alderman Brook of Hunslet to be used at the Celebration of the Lords supper at Hunslet Chappell & when the Communion is lay'd a side at the said Chappell then the said piece of plate to go for the use of the poor of Hunslet.

¹ William Cookson, 1669-1743, thrice Mayor of Leeds, was imprisoned at Newgate, as a Jacobite. His father, William Cookson, senior, was buried at Leeds Parish Church 3 Feb., 1715-16, and was probably born at Settle in 1639 (see "Letters to Thoresby," *ante* vol. xxi).

[INQUISITION.] Mr. Tho. Coats of Beeston, gent., gave a parcell of Land called Coates farm to the vallue of twenty pounds p. Ann: to the Minister of Beeston-Chappell successively for ever. Also the jury found by information that Mr. Jno. Hodgson of Beeston, Gent: gave a neck of Land joynng on Beeston Chappell yard only a Channell of Water running betwixt them to the use of the Chappell & since hath builded the Chappell Wall.

Mr. Tho. Idle of Houlbeck, salter, by his last Will & Testament bearing date the 10th of Febr. anno Dom: 1679 did amongst other things give & bequeath in these words: Item I give to the Chappell of Houlbeck the sum of one hundred pounds of lawfull English money to purchase a parcell of Land within 2 or 3 years next following after my death, which I leave to my executors to doe, and the consideration thereof being six pounds p. ann: or the profit thereupon rising to be disposed of and paid to a preaching Minister of God's word at Houlbeck Chappell for the time being for the better advancement of his place and Cure. And I do hereby make & appoint Peter Glover, Ew^d Wildman & Tho: Lee of Houlbeck and Jno. Geldert of Armley Feoffees in trust for the same & paying the minister the same above-said and when it happens any of the said Feoffees do dye then the next surviving to make & appoint another in his roome from time to time but if there happen to be such a vacancie of such a minister at the said Chappell of Houlbeck by the space of Six months together then my will & mind is that the said consideration or profits rising out of the £100 shall be disposed of by the said Feoffees to the preaching minister of God's word at Armley Chappell during such vacancie at Houlbeck as aforesaid.

Jno. Walker, batchlor, of Armley in his last will bearing date the [blank] did give & bequeath the sum of £40 to Tho: Meadow & Mat: Hall in trust that the Interest thereof to be paid to the Minister at Armley Chappell for ever. The Town is now in suit about it with Sam: Squire who purchased Jno: Walker's Land.

Mr. Morley of Bramley by his will bearing date [blank] did give and bequeath to the minister of Bramley Chappell one tenement & an Orchard with a Croft in Bramley after the death of Richd. Morley also £10 to the poor of the said town. Mr. Gamoll & Mr. Middlebrough and — Wood trustees for the same.

Also the Jury doth find that Jno. Savill & Tho. Savill, Knight, by their deed bearing date the 15th September in the 17th of King James of England Anno 1619 did give & grant to Benjam. Wade, Dan: Foxcroft & others all that parcell of ground with the appurtenances in Headingley where a new Chappell is lately erected with the said Chappell & Chappell yard thereunto adjoining for ever upon confidence that the said Feoffees shall from time to time provide a good learned minister or Clergyman to read & celebrate divine service and to administer the sacrament in the same.

Mr. Benja: Wayd, Alderm: did by his will dated 1670 give unto the Chappell of Heddingley to persons in trust the sum of £200 to be laid out in land & the profit to goe to the minister of the said

Chappell for ever also there was 30s. or 40s. more p. annum left by one of Burley to the minister of the said Chappell but his name I have not yet heard.

There is belonging to the preaching minister of Farnley Chappell Six pounds thirteen shill: & four pence paid out of the Audit at Pontefract if there be a preaching minister at it, if none then none payd.

Chappell Town Chappell. There is only a bare Chappell, the Chappell Garth is let off by the owner of the ground which is Mr. Killingbeck of Moor Grange, that so the minister of the Chappell is maintained by the offering of the people.

The Vicarage of Leeds.

[Extracted from Alderman WM. COOKSON's MS. Notebook.]

May 24, 1697, being Whitsunday, the following 9 Persons then surviving trustees of the vicarage met at Cooper's coffee house and Elected the following 10 to make up the number 25.

Present 9—Tho: Dixon, Tho: Potter, Wm: Rook, Josh: Ibbetson, Wm: Sawyer, Hen: Stanhop, Tho: Kitchingman, Wm: Massy, Hen: Pawson.

Rich: Thornton, Hen: Robinson, John Preston, Wm: Calverley, Hen: Iveson, John Dodgson, Wm: Milner, Caleb Askwith, John Rontree, Seth Skelton, in the place of Hen: Skelton, resigned, Dan: Foxcroft, Marm: Hick, Wm: Milner, John Killingbeck, Gervas Nevile, Geo: Neale, Ja: Moxon, Mich: Idle, Ben: Wadington.

Absent 6—Ben: Waid, Richd: Hey, Edw: Atkinson, Geo: Banister, Godfrey Lawson, Hen: Skelton. The last 4 before 1674.

Jan. 1, Anno 1701, the following Persons were elected trustees: Tho: Dixon, Ben: Waid, Wm: Rooke, Tho: Kitchingman, Richd: Hey, Hen: Pawson, Edw: Atkinson, Hen: Stanhope, Geo: Banister, Godfrey Lawson, Hen: Robinson, Richd: Thornton, John Preston, Hen: Iveson, John Dodgson, Wm: Milner, Ca: Askwith, John Rontree, Seth Skelton, John Gibson, mayor, Jasp: Blythman, Wm: Nevile, Bright Dixon, Tho: Dennison, Wm: Cookson, senr. N.B. only 2 of this 25 were living 1726.

Anno 1713. The Trustees for the Advowson of the Vicarage of Leeds being reduced to Ten, it was proposed to make up the Number 25, as is required in the decree. So on Munday the 21st of 7ber the surviving Trustees that could be present mett at Taylors Coffee house and agreed upon 15 new Trustees. The Ten then living being, Ben: Wade, Esqre., Mr. Hen: Robinson, clerk, Mr. Henry Pawson, Mr. Henry Stanhop, Ald: John Dodgson, Ald: Wm: Milner, Ald: Ca: Askwith, Mr. Wm: Cookson, senr.—present at the Election. Mr. Richd: Hey being sick. Mr. Geo: Banister, absent at Newcastle. The 15 Elected are as follow—

Wm: Cookson, junr., Major, Mr. John Atkinson, Mr. Wm: Rooke, Mr. Soloman Pollard, Aldermen, Mr. Ben: Wade, junr., Mr. Wm: Milner, junr. (now S^r Wm.), Richd: Wilson, esq., Mr. John Thomlinson, M.D., Mr. John Skelton, M.D., Mr. Samll: Kershaw, Mr. Tho: Dennison, Mr. Tho: Kitchingman, Mr. Samll. Killingbeck, Mr. Croft Preston, Mr. Rob: Midgley. The Indenture was made by the 8 survivors, to Mr. John Killingbeck, the then Incumbent, & he by another deed reconveyed to the above 10 survivors and the fifteen new elected, w^{ch} was sent up to be Enrolled in Chancery and then deposited in the Chest in the Church.

That Excellent Preacher, good Man and Valuable friend, Mr. John Killingbeck died Sunday the 12 day of February 1715-16: at which time there could onely 16 of the Electors be brought into the Church to the Election, some being dead, some sick, and others abroad as is below noted; the Election was made as under of Mr. Joseph Cookson to succeed him, who at that time was Lecturer of the Parish Church, his opponent was Mr. Sam: Brook, who having married the Widdow of Mr. Josh: Ibbetson, junr., & da: of Aldm: Tho: Kitchingman, had two potent families in the Town to support him, viz: Aldm. Milner's and the Kitchingmans, great Interest was made during the Vacancy, and the time of Election on the Sunday after the vacancy being agreed upon by the Feoffees to be on Sunday the fifth of March immediately after divine service, they mett in the Vestry, and Richd. Wilson Esqre. being the onely Man of Law, verry prudently proposed that whethersoever of the Candidates should be Elected, the whole number present to avoyd all disputes that after might arrise, should previously engage to sign the Presentation of him, who should have the Majority, which being consented to, Benj: Waid Esqr. as the oldest Trustee living said it was his right to give the first Vote, which accordingly hee did & his & those of the rest of the Electors were deliver'd as on the other side, the new Vicar was sent for into the Church and had the Presentation deliver'd him, on the 8th of the same Month, he had Institution grant by Sr. Wm. Dawes, then Lord Arch Bp: of Yorke, and the day following was Inducted

Ben: Waid senr. Esqr. for Mr. Cookson. Mr. Hen: Robinson—Mr. Cookson. Mr. Hen. Stanhop—Mr. Brook. Mr. John Dodgson—Mr. Brook. Mr. Wm. Milner—Mr. Brook. Mr. John Atkinson, Mr. Soloman Pollard, Mr. Ben: Waid junr., Richd: Wilson Esqr.—all for Mr. Cookson. Mr. Thomlinson—Mr. Brook. Mr. John Skelton, Mr. Sam: Kershaw, Mr. Tho: Dennison, Mr. Samll. Killingbeck, Mr. Croft Preston, mayor, Mr. Rob: Midgley—all for Mr. Cookson.

The following Persons were absent upon the Occations under mentioned, viz: Mr. Banister, Infirm & at Newcastle, and Mr. Pawson, verry lame at home, but a Chair was provided for him in case there had been need, his vote would have been for Mr. Cookson. Mr. Wm: Cookson, junr., then in Newgate. Mr. Wm: Milner, junr., at Cambridge. Mr. Wm: Rook, sick. Mr. Hey, Mr. Wm: Cookson, senr., Mr. Askwith, Mr. Tho: Kitchingman, dead.

In pursuance to the previous agreement all 16 sign'd the Presentation, the Vox Populi was presently declared by the Acclamation of a vast crowd of People, who had fill'd the Church to attend the Election, as also by their unanimous thanks to the Successful 12, not without some unmannerly & opprobrious Language to some of the 4 loosers.

Copy of Letter written by Rev. Geo. Plaxton.

[From a MS. Book belonging to WM. COOKSON, Mayor of Leeds
1712, 1725, 1738.]

A Letter from my Reverend tho' Facetious friend Mr. Geo. Plaxton, Rector of Barwick, wrote from the Lord Gower's seat at Trentham in Staffordshire (where he died not long after) to my Bro: Jo: Cookson who was elected Vicar of Leeds on the 5th of March preceding.

Dear S^r

7br. 6: 1716.

Nunquam Sera est ad bonos mores via, is a Saying in Good manners as well as in Gramer, therefore give me leave to wish you Joy of my old Friend John Oronoque's Vicarage at Leeds, and I hope his Prebend of Paulholm; Mayst thou succeed him in all points, preach like him, smoke like him, be belov'd as he was in y^e Parish, then will thy Easter dues flow in Plentifully and Cows & calves fill the Pages where Guineas and Duccatoons have no place. Your Brother the *Pepper Marchant*^a was here tother day, he rides Post to save his horses, and Punish his carcaise, he'll be at Leeds very shortly, his harvest is great and his crop strong; my Service to his goodness and forget not my best Services, wishes & Salutes, to Wm.^b of *Newgate*, he is out of the snare, let him look to his feet. All happiness to him and his. I hope since he came home, his wife has shifted him, burnt the old Jayl bird's shirt, and put him on fresh linnen. My Service and Good Wishes to your honest Parishioners; how does *Vis*,^c under what Planet lives he now, I hope the Aspect is friendly, and lucky, heartily to him, and Roving Meg, his Demicul-verin, may you long Smoke your Pipes of life.

I am your affectionate Servant, friend & Brother G.P.

^a John Cookson, of London, a Grocer.

^b The Writer, who about 5 mo: before was releas'd from 7 months' imprisonment.

^c Vis, Harry Lodge, curate of St. John's, and his boisterous, noisy wife.

I cannot forbear to subjoin a small anagram, which about 6 years before he wrote to my coz: Thoresby, with services to the Persons therein nam'd.

Lex, fumus & vis are al of apiece

And so's the *Post meridian*

The use of your Blades are of different traids

And tho'rt a *Nulli fidian*.

Lex: Richd. Thornton Esq' the Worthy and Learn'd Recorder.

Fumus, Mr. Jno. Killing[beck] vicar then, a Great Smoker & so nick nam'd by Mr. Plaxton, Oronoque.

Vis, Harry Lodge above mentioned.

Post meridian, Bro: Jose Cookson above congratulated as successor to Oronoque.

Nulli fidian, Mr. Thoresby, a Trimmer in Principles, but a Good man lov'd by Plaxton.

Many letters written by Plaxton to Thoresby will be found in "Letters to Ralph Thoresby," *ante* vol. xxi, in Hunter's "Thoresby's Correspondence," and in D. H. Atkinson's "Ralph Thoresby, his Town and Times."

York or East Bar, Leeds.

The plan here reproduced was formerly in the possession of the late Mr. John Tweedale, of Leeds, solicitor, who kindly allowed a tracing to be made, and stated that it was with the papers relating to "Smithies Garth" which was purchased by Wade's Trustees and by them leased to the Leeds Corporation to be used as an Open Space.

Smithies Garth is bounded by Richmond Street, Ellerby Road, Zion Street, and Bow Street, and probably became the property of the Tweedale family through the marriage, about the end of 1819, of "Mr. John Tweedale of Dewsbury, woolstapler, to Mary only daughter of Mr. Smithies of Hill House Bank."

The plan was evidently drawn with the principal idea of showing the Plaintiff Lister's "Narr Close" and the Defendant Bridges' "Stepping Close," and the roads were added without much regard to their actual position. The dispute probably had reference to the Defendant's right of road through the Plaintiff's close over the narrow road shown on the plan.

The Plaintiff Lister may have been of the family of John Lister mentioned in the Wills of the two John Jacksons (pp. 13 and 14 *ante*).

The Defendant Bridges may have been either Thomas of Leeds, mercer, 1683-1736, or John, his brother, 1686-1736, of Leeds, salter (see "History of Barwick-in-Elmet," *ante* vol. xvii, 298). If so the plan may be dated early eighteenth century.

The plan is chiefly interesting on account of its giving probably the only illustration extant of one of the Leeds Bars. There is a stone in the east end of the Parish Churchyard wall in Kirkgate, showing its position, and inscribed "East Bar." It will be noticed that the height of the turrets is greater than that of the houses.

The roads are Kirkgate and Marsh Lane from the Bar, branching towards the north, and East Street, otherwise the Causeway, branching towards the south, near the river Aire, as shown in the map. The turrets of the Bar were probably large enough to hold two or more watchmen as guards. East Bar has been also described as York Bar. In North Street is a stone showing the position of the North Bar. In Guildford Street is a stone inscribed Burley Bar. West Bar was at the west end of Boar Lane.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JOHN ASHBURN, OF PONTEFRACT.

Mem. quod xxix die mensis Novembris Anno Dñi Mⁱ quingen^o octavo Commissa erat Administracio omnium bonorum que fuerunt Johis Asburn nuper de Pontefracto ab intestato decedentis Riço Fosegrave de Ebor. in forma Juris jurato, &c. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, vii, 64.)

WILL OF ROBERT ASTWYKE, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen. vii^{mo} die Maii Anno Dñi Mil^lmo Dv^{to} Ego Rob^tus Astwyk, compos mentis & sane memorie, tum eger in corpore, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis do & lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti, beatissime Marie, & omnibus sanctis ejus, corpusque meum sepeliendum introitu chori sanctissime Dei genitricis in dextera parte. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei ut mos est. Item lego monasterio S^ci Johis Evangeliste in Pontefracto xxx^s iiij^d pro decimis oblitis et oblacionibus et pro fraternitate mea ita quod ut ipsi dent mihi plenam remissionem & mittant nomen meum per breviarios suos, & desidero quod conventus celebrent missa cum dirige & habebunt pro labore vj^s viij^d. Item lego unam acram pasture in Benett yngs quam emi de Thoma Lenthorpe fratre meo cantarie Jesu in ecclesia omnium sanctorum de Pontefracto servicio beate virginis iij^s iiij^d, servicio gilde xx^d, & servicio Jesu iiij^d. Item lego decem marcas pro capa. Item do & remitto Dionisio Astwyk, filio meo, xx^{li} quas mihi debet & Waltero Astwyk, filio meo, xj^{li} quas similiter mihi debet. Item lego Johi Astwyk, filio meo, x marcas. Item lego Thrustino Bank sex marcas & remitto sibi iiij^{or} marcas quas debuit mihi. Item lego Rob^to, filio meo xx^{li} & decem marcas ad finem termini apprenticii sui, quas decem marcas Thomas Eleislay habet in manu sua. Item lego Thome Eleyslay quinque marcas. Item lego singulis filiis et filiabus filiorum ac filiarum meorum unum coclear argenteum. Item lego cuilibet filiolorum ac filiolarum iiij^d. Item lego presbitero idoneo xj^{li} xiijs iiij^d ut celebret pro salute anime mee per spacium duorum annorum & dimidii alterius anni. Item lego ad emendacionem vie juxta crucem de Carlton iij^s iiij^d. Item lego Alicie Schotylworth, sorori mee, xl^s. Item lego quinque pauperibus quinque togas albas & quinque Torcheas quas quinque pauperes portabunt ad sepulturam meam, & volo quod due torchie illarum quinque remaneant summo altari, una altari beatissime Marie, alia gilde, & alia altari quo sacerdotes celebret pro salute anime mee. Item lego Henrico Wyldman x^s & nova indumenta & sorori sue vocate Gracie x^s. Item lego fratribus pro reparacione domus

eorum vj^s viij^d. Item lego Anachorite xx^d. Item lego unam acram prati subtus Brandisthill vocatam cowe & the calfe pro obitu in ecclesia omnium Sanctorum annuatim celebrando pro anima mea et Katherine uxoris mee & omnium benefactorum nostrorum. Item lego Katherine uxori mee omnia mea terras & tenementa redditus & servicia cum omnibus suis pertinenciis ad terminum vite sue, post cujus decessum volo & concedo Dionisio Astwyk filio meo, omnia mea terras & tenementa redditus & servicia cum omnibus suis pertinenciis vocata free holde & volo & concedo quod Walterus, Johes & Robtus, filii mei, habebunt omnia mea terras & tenementa redditus & servicia cum omnibus suis pertinenciis nuncupativa Copyholde dividenda eis ad visum Hugonis Astwyk, tunc majoris ville & Katherine Astwyk & Dionisii filii sui. Residuum vero omnium bonorum superius non legatorum post expensas meas funerales plenarie solutas & debita mea plenarie soluta & de integro omnium bonorum meorum supradictorum do & lego Katherine uxori mee, Dionisio, & Waltero, filiis meis, quos quidem facio ordino et constituo meas executores ut ipsi disponant & ordinent pro salute anime mee prout eis melius videbitur expedire, ac eciam facio & ordino Hugonem Astwyk tunc majorem ville hujus ultime mee voluntatis supervisorem, legoque ei pro labore suo xl^s. Hiis testibus Hugone Astwyk, Wilmo Mirre capellano, Wilmo Tanner capellano, Matheo Robynson & Thoma Lenthorpe & aliis, &c.

No date of Probate. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, vi, 202.)

WILL OF HUGH AWSTWYK, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen. The third day of Novembre in the yere of our Lorde God a Thousand ccccxcvth, I Hugh Awstwyk off Pontefract, Marce, hooll of mynde and remembraunce ordeyns and makes my testament in maner and forme followyng. First I bequeth my soull to Allmyghty Gode, to our lady Saynt Marie and to all the saynts in heven, my body to be buriede within the parish church of All Hallowes in Pontefract nye unto the sepultur of my Father, John Astwyke. Allso I bequethe to my mortuarie my best qwyke goode. Allso I bequethe to the highe alter for forgotten tithes xij^d. Item I bequethe to the Monasterie of Saynt John th'Appostle and Evangeliste of Pontefract a lyttyl standyng masere itt to be in the keypyng of Dane Richard Wytton the terme of his lyffe and v^s in money to be praede fore and to have placebo and dirige and one saull masse of Requiem at the day of my buryall and to be assolde in theyr Chapter How[s]e. And allso that ther breviter may be sende w^t my name to all suche howses of there religion as they be wonte to go after the decesse of any of thee bretheren. Allso I bequethe to the lady Alter in the Parishe Church of Pontefract xij^d. Allso I will that my feoffes shall after my decesse make estate of and in one chambre the which Sir John Hadden, prest, now occupies to certeyn Feoffees as can be devisede to the use of Jeshus gilde in Pontefract in the Church of All Hallowes aforesaide soo that I, my wiffe, my Fader and moder and all xpen sowles may be praide for ever. And yerely to have furthe therupon a dirige and a saull messe of iij^s iiij^d accordyng as is comprehendede in a paire of Indenturs theroff maid wheroff one parte remeyneth with myn heyres

and the other parte remeyneth in the Sawell cheste in the Church afore-
saide. Allso I will that a Surrender be maide to the maisters and preestes
of our ladys service within All Hallowes churche aforesaide to the forty-
fying of our lady messe of ij landes lying at the mylne Hill payng yerely
to the grave xij^d if itt be so that M^r Mare and his bretherne be contente.
Allso I will that my Feoffes shall feoffe and make a leasse to Margaret
my wyffe ij howses one wherin Ro^bt Chawman dwells in and the other
wherin Johanne Skypton dwelleth and vj acres of lande of the lande of
the beste at the sight of my sone Sir Richarde in every felde ij acres to hir
behov duryng hyr lyffe and after hir decesse to my ryght heyres to re-
meyn for ever. Also I will that my Feoffes shall releasse to my wyffe
one closse att the parke ende to the tyme that my Sone, Hugh Astwyke
come forthe of his prenteshipe and then iff his broder, John Awstwike, will
gyve to hym in hand towards his Stoke xx^{ti} nobles he too have the closse.
And iff nott I will that my Feoffes shall sett itt to the beste avauntage and
make of itt a Stocke to my Sone Hughe. Allso I will that my feoffes
shall relese to my wyff on chambre wherin Sir Richard With dwelleth
to hir behove duryng hir lyffe. And after hir decesse to remeyne to the
Right heyres of me the forsaid Hugh for ever. Item I giffe to George my
sone for ever to fynd hym at the scolle all my closses at the Milne Hill.
Allso I will that my said Feoffes shall after my decesse suffer myn execu-
tors to have all such services and profetts commyng and growyng of
j place with all the landes therto belongyng in Pontefract in the which I
dwell myselfe for iij yeres next commyng the on yere towards payment
of my dettes, the second yere towards the fyndyng of a preste for a yere,
the third yere towards the mariage of my doghter Isabell yf so be she
wilbe orderde after my Supervisors of my Will and myn executors or else
nott. And after thende of iij yeres I will that my said Feoffes shall make
an estate of and in the said place and landes aforesaide to John Austwike,
my sonne, and heyre, and to the heyres of his body lawfully begotten for
ever. And for defawt of such Issue to the right heyres of me the said
Hugh Austwike for ever. And allso I bequeth to the Freers to be prayed
for on quarter barly malt. Allso I bequeth to my cosyn Denys on can-
dilstike with sex seorges. Allso I bequeth to Sir Richard my sone my
silver salte with the coveryng. Allso I bequeth to Margaret Mettes on
quarter barly. Allso I bequeth to my ocupacion a quarter barly. Allso
I bequeth to my sone John a mortar that I lent to hym. And allso my
counter that standes in the best parlour. Allso I bequeth to every of
my sones Sir Richarde tenants at Norton to be prayed for iiij^d. Allso
I bequeth to Ro^bt Enesley a shepe. Allso I bequethe to Sir John Moder
an hewe. Allso I bequeth to Jennett Slater ij yerdes clothe or else a
wyndell malt. Allso I gyve to the lady services and to Jeshus gylde in
Pontefract iiij^d of fre rente forth of ane howse off M^r Wakefelde in Roper
gatte to have yerely a dirige and a sall messe said evermore on the Friday
in Witson wyke. The Residewe of all my goodes nott bequethed I gyve
to Margaret my wyff and to Sir Richard my sone whome I make myne
executors and allso M^r Frost and M^r Dennys Awstwik Supervisors of
the same. Thus beyng Witnes Sir John Nelstorpe, parishe preste, Sir
X^pofer Casse, Sir Roger Bank, and Sir Wi^lhm Clarke w^t other.

Proved 26th November, 1516. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ix, 40.)

WILL OF WILLIAM BAYLAY, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen. Terciodecimo die mensis Augusti Anno Dñi Milmo ccc^{mo} nonagesimo primo. In primis ego Wiłms de Baylay lego & commendo animam meam Deo Omnipotenti & beate Marie & omnibus sanctis & corpus meum ad sepeliendum coram altari Sancti Benedicti in Monasterio Sancti Johannis Apostoli & Evangeliste de Pontefracto. Item lego pro mortuario meo meliorem equum meum cum pertinenciis ut moris est. Item lego Priori ejusdem Monasterii viginti solidos argenti. Item lego Johanni de Tunstall monacho xx solidos argenti. Item lego Roberto de Acom, commonacho ejusdem Monasterii, unam marcam argenti. Item lego cuilibet alii monacho ejusdem Monasterii dimidiam marcam argenti. Item lego aule hospitum in eodem Monasterio unum lectum. Item lego Conventui ordinis fratrum Carmel' de Doncastro xx solidos. Item lego Conventui ordinis fratrum minorum de eadem xx^s. Item lego Conventui fratrum ordinis Sñi Augustini de Tykhill xx^s. Item Conventui ordinis fratrum mendicantium de Pontefracto iiij libras. Item lego Conventui ordinis fratrum minorum de Preston in Amundirnes in comitatu Lancast' xl^s. Item lego fabrice Pontis de Feribrig xx^s. Item lego fabrice Pontis de Castelford xx^s. Item lego fabrice Pontis de Ottirford xx^s. Item lego cuilibet pauperi venienti ad distribucionem die sepulture mee j^d argenti. Item lego Roberto filio Johannis de Baylay & Johanni fratri suo equis porcionibus xxv marcas illas quas Mabilla relictā Johannis de Baylay mihi debet de debito ejusdem Johannis. Item remitto & condono Laurencio filio Ricardi fratris mei quinque marcas argenti & x solidos quos mihi debet. Item lego Nicño de Colne viginti marcas & unum ciphum argenteum cum coopertura. Item lego Ricardo Roger, capellano, xx^s argenti. Item lego Wiłmo Costnotte xx^s. Item lego Henrico Elme xx^s. Item lego Wiłmo del Saylles xl^s. Item lego Alexandro Pewterer unam marcam. Item lego uni capellano ad celebrandum pro animabus omnium fidelium & specialiter pro animabus illorum ex quibus aliquod proficuum injuste acquisivi seu aliquod mñus sine merito recepi Centum solidos argenti videlicet per unum annum. Item lego Wiłmo Dowke, vicario ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefracto xx^s. Item lego Johanni capellano parochiali, unam marcam. Item lego cuilibet capellano seculari venienti ad exequias meas vj^d. Item lego Magistro & sociis suis capellanis Sancte Trinitatis de Pontefracto unam marcam. Item lego pauperibus ejusdem dimidiam marce. Item lego novo operi ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefracto xl^s. Item lego novo operi ecclesie Cathedralis Ebor. xx^s. Item remitto & condono Johanni de Levesey, filio Thurstani de Levesey, iiij marcas argenti quas mihi debet. Item lego eidem Johanni omnes equos & equas pullos & pullas meos infra Comitatum Lancast' preter unum equum vel equam quem vel quam vicarius de Mittoun vult eligere quem vel quam sibi lego nomine mortuarii. Item lego Priori et Conventui Sñi Johannis Apostoli & Evangeliste de Pontefracto Centum marcas argenti ad celebrandum pro me & uxore mea & specialiter pro animabus illorum ex quibus aliquod proficuum injuste acquisivi seu aliquod munus sine merito recepi coram altari predicto. Item lego Centum solidos ad confirmationem Cantarie in capella Sñe Marie super pontem de Wakefeld. Item lego Wiłmo Chiselden, Decano de Novo Opere de Leycestre & sociis

suis decem libras. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum de parte mea contingente superius non legatorum volo quod ordinetur & disponatur pro salute anime mee secundum dispositionem executorum meorum quod eis pro salute anime mee melius viderit expedire exceptis tantum utensilibus domus mee vasis argenteis & enneis pannis laneis & liniis cum omnibus aliis utensilibus quibuscunque que lego & volo ut integre remaneant Emme uxori mee. Et ad istud testamentum meum fideliter exequendum dilectos mihi Emmam uxorem meam, Nichm Colne ordino facio & constituo executores meos ut ipsi disponant & ordinent prout saluti anime mee melius viderint expedire. In cujus rei testimonium huic testamento meo sigillum meum apposui. Dat' apud Pontemfractum die & anno supradictio.

Proved 20th December, 1391. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, i, 42.)

WILL OF ROBERT DE BEGHALL, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen. Die lune proxime post festum Sancti Petri ad vincula Anno Dñi Mii^{mo} ccc^{mo} nonagesimo Ego Robertus de Beghall de Pontefracto condo testamentum meum in hunc modum coram Wi^{lmo} Douk vicario ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefracto & coram Johanne de Harrepeswele, capellano parochiali ecclesie predicte & coram aliis vicinis ibidem tunc existentibus & hoc audientibus. In primis lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefracto. Item lego pro mortuario meo optimum equum meum. Item lego summo altari pro decimis meis oblitis iij^s iiij^d. Item lego iiij libras cere ad comburendum circa corpus meum die sepulture mee. Item lego cuilibet capellano venienti ad exequias meas iiij^d. Item cuilibet clerico parochiali Ville Pontisfracti ij^d. Item lego Cathedrali ecclesie S^ci Petri Ebor. v^s. Item lego in convocatione amicorum & distributione pauperum xx^s. Item lego duabus Anachoritis iij^s. Item lego Roberto, filio Ri^ci de Castelford xij^d. Item lego Roberto, filio Ade Benell xij^d. Item lego Gilde Corporis Christi iij^s iiij^d. Item lego servicio beate Marie in ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefracto xij^d. Item lego calceto de litelweick xij^d. Item lego unum coopertorium ij linthamina & unum blanket precii omnium vj^s viij^d. Bederno S^ci Leonardi Ebor. Item lego cuidam capellano celebranti pro anima mea et pro anima Margerie uxoris mee vij marcas argenti si debita mihi debita possint levare & tantam summam implere. Item lego totum residuum omnium bonorum & catallorum meorum Margerie uxori mee ad disponendum et ordinandum pro anima mea prout sibi melius viderit expedire Quamquidem Margeriam facio & constituo executricem meam cum auxilio dicti Wi^lli Douk vicarii ecclesie predicte. In cujus rei testimonium in presencia pluriorum sigillum meum apposui. Dat' apud Pontemfractum die & anno supradictis.

Proved 20th February, 1390(1). (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, i, 22d.)

WILL OF SIR ROBERT BENETT, OF PONTEFRACT, CHAPLAIN.

In Dei nomine Amen. Decimo nono die mensis Maii Anno Dñi Mii^{mo} cccc^{mo} lxx^{mo} nono. Ego Robertus Benett, capellanus, compos

mentis & sane memorie, eger tamen corpore condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. Inprimis lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti beate Marie & toti curie celesti, Corpusque meum sepeliendum in choro beate Marie infra capellam Sancte Trinitatis. Item lego Priori & Conventui domus Sancti Johannis Apostoli & Evangeliste unam crateram argenteam. Item lego servicio beate Marie in Ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum Pontisfracti xij^d. Item lego gilde Corporis Christi in eadem ecclesia xij^d. Item lego domui Sancte Trinitatis post decessum sororis mee omnia terras & tenementa mea que habeo vel habere potero in villis de Preston & Pontisfracti Jakelyn & campis earundem. Item lego eidem domui unam clausuram modo in tenura Thome Chylde. Et volo quod soror mea habeat inde quinque solidos annuatim durante ejus vita. Residuum bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do & lego Wiłmo Foster & Roberto Moxson capellanis quos constituo & ordino meos executores ut ipsi disponant pro salute anime mee prout eis melius videbitur. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti testamento meo sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Johanne Butall, Johanne Leeffe, capellanis, Christoforo Murre & aliis. Dat' die mense & Anno Domini supradictis.

Proved 5th June, 1479. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 140d.)

WILL OF RICHARD BLAKEBURN, CHAPLAIN, OF PONTEFRAC.

In Dei nomine Amen. Primo die mensis Augusti Anno Domini Milimo Quadringentesimo Sexagesimo septimo Ego Ricardus Blakeburn, capellanus, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis do & lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti, beate Marie Virgini, et omnibus sanctis, Corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia Sancte Trinitatis de Pontefracto. Item lego ad usum ecclesie S^ce Trinitatis superpellicium meum et amiciam meam. Item altari beate Marie infra predictam ecclesiam j Stenyd clothe de judicio. Item lumini Sancte Katerine infra predictam ecclesiam j apiarium. Item luminibus summi altaris iiij libras cere. Item domui S^ce Trinitatis tria apiaria stantia in orto ejusdem extra carbon'. Item domui Fratrum de Pontefracto ij^s quatinus predicti fratres devote celebrent exequias semel pro anima mea & pro animabus parentum et omnium defunctorum secundum dispositionem Prioris ibidem. Item cuilibet presbitero ad exequias meas familiariter presenti iiij^d. Et similiter in septima die. Et similiter Clericis ibidem in utrisque. Item lego ecclesie de Hudersfeld unum librum vocatum Pupilla oculi, Et vicario ecclesie ibidem xx^d supplicando illi diligenter preces effundere pro anima mea ponendo nomen meum in rotulo dominicali orando ut pro ceteris. Item lego xxvj^s viij^d pro vestimento comparando ad usum dicte ecclesie de Worsted cum Sternys si poterit adquiri. Item presbitero ibidem xij^d quatinus devote oret pro anima mea. Item lego Katerine sorori mee & filie sue apiaria que sunt in manibus predictae filie sue. Et predictae Katerine unum par precum gaudyt with owmbre also with corall sub condicione ut predicta Katerina et predicta filia sua ordinent & liberent filie predictae Katerine, viz. uxori Wiłmi Hauworth unum apiarium bonum. Item lego Margarete sorori mee unum par precum sortyd with corall, strynged with blowe silke, and at the knope ij bedys of lambir the

third of Cristall. Item duobus filiis predictæ Margarete, viz. Riço & Johanni unum bonum apiarium. Item filie predictæ Margarete unam zonam sericam cujus tuss est de nigro habentem sex stipata unius secte quondam fracta modo reparata cum nova factura argenti. Item lego Cecilie, filie Wiłmi Blakburn fratris mei unam zonam sericam cujus tuss est de nigro habentem sex stipata, viz. duo majora et quatuor minora, Et unam vaccam ad maritagium suum capiendam de Johanne Berdeshill, Et Margarete uxori Johannis Berdeshill unum par precum de gagat' cum ij annulis et ij monilibus ad predictum pendentibus cordatis cum corda de viride serico. Item lego Thome Blakburn unum apiarium et totum debitum michi debent'. Item lego predictæ Margarete Berdeshill et marito suo unum apiarium et totum debitum michi debent'. Item lego Wiłmo Blakburn unum apiarium et totum debitum michi debent', Et eidem unam Sellam unum frenum unum par Calcarum cum j par le Bowgis. Item lego duobus filiis Wiłmi fratris mei, viz. Simoni & Edmundo tantum pannum quantum vult illos p' semel togar' tunicar' & camisiar'. Item lego Johanni Blakburn, filio Wiłmi senioris totum residuum bonorum unacum debitis meis et totum debitum michi debent'. Item ordino Wiłmum Blakburn seniore fratrem meum executorem meum ut ordinet & disponat optimo suo modo pro anima mea in missis celebrandis et aliis operibus caritatis. Et sub condicione ut bene & fideliter pro posse suo voluntatem meam predictam perimpleteat perdono illi totum debitum quod michi debet, viz. sex marcas et Catalla necnon eorum merces nunc temporis in manu sua. Et ulterius debitum in manu generose femine de quo predictus Wiłmus inde habet noticiam. Proviso semper quod ubicunque & quantumcunque predictus Wiłmus fuerit occupatus penes officium supplicacionis voluntatis mee predictæ volo ipsum habere Costagia pro tempore seu temporibus sed nullam remuneracionem ultra pro labore preter remuneracionem prius sibi prenominatam et exceptis preexceptis. Dat' die & anno Domini supradictis.

Proved [blank] 1468. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iv, 148d.)

ADMINISTRATION OF KATHERINE BOROWE, OF PONTEFRAC, WIDOW.

Item, Quarto die mensis Aprilis Anno Dñi Miłlmo cccc^{mo} Octogesimo primo, Commissa fuit Administracio omnium bonorum que fuerunt Katerine Borowe nuper de Pontefracto vidua ab intestato defuncte Wiłmo Falconer de Sproteburgh, administratori in bonis ejusdem defuncte auctoritate deputato in forma juris jurato. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 101.)

PROBATE ACT OF WILLIAM BOWYS, OF PONTEFRAC.

Probatum fuit testamentum Wiłmi Bowys de Pontefracto xij^{mo} die mensis Junii Anno Domini Miłlmo cccc^{mo} Septuagesimo primo Et commissa Administracio Johanni Bowys in eodem testamento nominato jurato in forma juris, Reservata nobis potestate consimilem Administracionem committendi Emme uxori Nichi Mownt cum venerit eam in forma juris recepturo.

[*In margin*] Dimiss' propter exilitatem bonorum. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iv, 160d.)

WILL OF THOMAS BOX, GENTLEMAN, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen. Decimo die Marcii Anno Domini Millesimo cccc^{mo}xlviij^{mo} Ego Thomas Box, gentilman, ordino facio & constituo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam & commendo Omnipotenti Deo Creatori beate Marie virgini & omnibus sanctis, et corpus meum ad sepeliendum infra Domum Fratrum Predicatorum apud Pontemfractum. Item lego equum meum gresium cum sella & freno pro mortuario meo ecclesie parochiali de Tadcastre. Et totum residuum omnium bonorum meorum tam mobilium quam non mobilium Terrarum & Tenementorum cum corde & ore do & lego Johanne uxori mee quam constituo executricem meam ad disponendum & ordinandum pro anima mea & pro debitis meis solvendis. In cujus rei testimonium Henricus Newton, persona de Newton, Wilhelmus Bramham, vicarius de Helagh, Wilhelmus Newland, canonicus de Helagh, Dñs Ricus Waterward presbiter de Newton, Robtus Dawton, Robtus Materdale & alii.

Proved 16th May, 1449. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 196.)

WILL OF WILLIAM BRAMHAM, OF KNOTTINGLEY, PRIEST.

In the name of God Amen, the yere of oure Lorde God a M^lv^exl the vth day of the moneth of Octobre. I William Bramham, prest in Knottingley, of goode mynde and perfitt remembrance make my testament or last Will in forme followinge. First I give my saull to God Almightye, to oure blissed laydie Sainte Marie and to all the holie company of heaven and my bodie to be buried in the churche yerde of All hallos in Pontefracte with a dirige and a sall messe, and I give to be bestowed aboute the blissed sacrament xij^d. And I give to William Richardson, curate, an albe with orfrais of blake velvet and magna postilla. And I give to Kepax churche a vestment of blewe and whit with perilles with towe tunycles and all thinges belonginge to deakin and subdeacon. And I give to my moyther xxv^s iiij^d and a coverlett and a pare of shettes and thre smokes one of lynnyn or towe of hempe tere and a froke with furred kirtle and a chist the whiche chist I will that she leve with Thomas Bramham my brother when she shall departe. And I give to William Bramham the yonger one mattres and a bolster, one pare of shettes, a coverlett, and my best gowne but one. I give to John Bramham my brother v^s to pay his debtes withall and one freside Jackett, one pare of hosse with a dublet. And I give to William Bramham thelder a sadell and a bridell with iiij pece of puder and all my bookes not bequeathed. And I give to Jennet Bramham iiij pece of pewther and a froke of blake say. And I give to Agnes Vevers xx^d and a pare of shoys. And I give to Knottingley chapell a messe booke a graduall with an antephoner. And I give to Thomas Bramham my brother and to his wif iiij marcs and fourtie pence the whiche is my pension due to me at Mychaelmes, and my horse with my side gowne and a fether bedde with coveringe with towe pillos and my best dublett, best

jacket, and my best pare of hosse, my ij boys with a bowe case, my quyver and all my arros. The Residue of my goodes not bequeathed I give to Thomas Bramham my brother and to his wif whome I make my executors to bringe me forthe and to pay my debtes so that they be goode to my moither, and I give to Jennet Hill xij^d and to Richarde Gygges and John Scholey and Laurence Roile with moo [*sic*].

Probate granted 19th September, 1541, under Commission dated 24th July, 1541, to the Dean of Aynstie to prove the said Will. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, xi, 562.)

WILL OF ROBERT BRANTYNGHAM, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen. Ego Robtus Brantyngham de Pontefracto compos mentis & bona memoria existens xvij^o die mensis Decembris Anno Dñi Miſſo cccc^{mo}xxvij^o condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis do & lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti beate Marie virgini et omnibus celestis curie sanctis et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in cimiterio ecclesie parochialis Omnium Sanctorum Pontisfracti juxta Scansile Et pro mortuario meo meam murram. Item lego in cera circa corpus meum tempore exequiarum mearum & sepulture mee comburenda tres libras cere facturas in quatuor candelas. Item lego Altari summo ecclesie parochialis Pontisfracti pro decimis meis oblitis xij^d. Item lego Magistro Johi de Thornton, vicario de Pontefracto xij^d. Item Altari beate Marie iij^s iijj^d. Item lego Altari Gilde xl^d. Item Altari Sçi Thome Cantuar' xij^d. Item Altari Sçi Jacobi & Altari beate Marie Magdalene j lb. cere. Item parochiali capellano mee sepulture in die qui est viij^d. Item lego omnibus presbiteris existentibus ad meas exequias, cuilibet sacerdoti iij^d. Item tribus clericis trium parochiarum existentibus ad exequias meas, cuilibet clerico ij^d. Item lego Margarete Horn, servienti mihi unam tapetam cum ymagine beate Marie picto & aliam tapetam cum ymagine Sçe Trinitatis picto. Item lego predictæ Margarete tria argentea coeliaria de secunda forma. Item lego predictæ Margarete iij ollas ereas, duas de secunda forma & unam parvam ollam. Item do & lego predictæ Margarete j caudron cum uno gausape & mappa de optima forma. Item lego Wiſſo de Schaght quondam servienti mihi, meum lineum instrumentum et aliud instrumentum in quo texavi mappas. Item lego Dño Robto Grenehilles capellano, j doser cum ymagine vulpis & ymagine Aquile pictum. Item Robto Bakster lego j vestimentum pendens super murum. Item lego Robto Hakworth meam senem togam cum meo capicio stragulato et camisiā meam cum femoralibus meis. Item lego Johi de Bromefeld meam optimam togam una excepta & j capicium cum illa. Item lego Margarete Horn omnia infra domum cribra et alviolas cum talibus minimis Instrumentis. Item lego predictæ Margarete meam murram sive meam optimam togam. Item lego Johi Nundy de Bolton super Derne meum clavulum. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum, debitis meis primitus persolutis do & lego Robto Grenehilles, capellano de Wentbrig, et Johi Stones moranti in loco Sçi Oswaldi quos vero ordino constituō & facio meos veros Executores ut ipsi presens testamentum in omnibus exequantur. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti testamento meo sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Robto Bakster, Wiſſo Walker,

Roſo Whitte, Wiſſo Sartorin ac Roſo Forſter & aliis. Dat' die & anno ſupradictis.

Probate granted 14th June, 1429, to Sir Robert Grenehillis, of Bayldon near Otley, executor, power being reserved for the other executor. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 556d.)

WILL OF WILLIAM BRIGG, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen. In feſto Sancti Auguſtini Anno Domini Miſſimo cccc^{mo} xxxvij^o Ego Wiſſms Brigg de Pontefracto, ſmyth, compos mentis & ſane memorie eger tamen in corpore condo & ordino teſtamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego & commendo ai'am meam Deo omnipotenti & beate Marie & omnibus ſanctis ejus, & corpus meum ad ſepeliendum infra eccleſiam Omnium Sanctorum Pontisfracti. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei meum optimum equum cum ſella freno & aliis pertinenciis ſecundum conſuetudinem parochie. Item lego in cera comburenda circa corpus meum in die ſepulture mee iiij^s. Item lego cuilibet capellano in exequiis meis exiſtenti iiij^d et clericis parochialibus ij^d. Item lego Fabrice eccleſie predicte pro ſepultura mea vj^s viij^d. Item ſummo Altari in eadem xx^d. Et ſervicio beate Marie in eadem xx^d. Et Gilde Corporis Chriſti in eadem xx^d. Item lego uni capellano celebraturo pro anima mea per dimidium Anni ſi ſolutis debitis meis & neceſſariis expenſis commodè fieri poterit xl^s. Reſiduum vero omnium bonorum ſuperius non legatorum do & lego Johanne uxori mee & Domino Johanni Wyles capellano quos conſtituo ordino & diſpono executores meos ut ipſi Deum pre oculis habentes preſens teſtamentum fideliter compleant cum effectu. In cujus rei teſtimonium preſentibus ſigillum meum appoſui. Hiis teſtibus, Thoma Sharp de Pontefracto, wright, Johanne Sawmon de Brotherton, Wiſſmo Burley de Pontefracto et aliis. Dat' apud Pontemfractum feſto & anno predictis.

Proved 10th September, 1438. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iii, 539d.)

PROBATE ACT OF ADAM BRONEBY, OF PONTEFRACT.

Memorandum quod quintodecimo die menſis Octobris Anno Dñi Miſſimo ccc^{mo} nonagesimo primo probatum fuit teſtamentum Ade Broneby de Pontefracto, & commiſſa fuit Adminiſtracio omnium bonorum ejusdem uxori ejus & Riço Broneby filio ejusdem executoribus nominatis in forma juris juratis. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, i, 39.)

ADMINISTRATION OF JOHN BUBWITH, OF PONTEFRACT.

Item, ultimo die Maii Anno Dñi M^lcccc^{mo}xxxvij^o commiſſa fuit Adminiſtracio bonorum Johannis Bubwith nuper de Pontefracto ab intestado defuncti Johanne, relicte ſue & Dño Nicño Bubwith capellano, filio eorum, Adminiſtratoribus in dictis bonis Auctoritate ordinaria deputatis & juratis in forma juris. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iii, 491d.)

WILL OF JOHN BULE, OF PONTEFRACT.

In the name of God ſo be it. The xixth day of the moneth of June in the yere of owr Lord God M^lccccvij. I John Bule of the Hoſpittall of

Saynt Mychaell archeangell beyng of the parish of Alhalowes in Pountfrett and hole of mynd & gud remembrance beyng maketh thys my testament and last Will in thys wyse. Fyrst I bequeathe my saulle to Almyghty God and to owr blissed lady Mary virgyn and to all the holie company of hevyn and my bodie to be buried within the parish church of Pontefract aforesaid in the qweir called Saynt John qweir. Itm. I bequeth to on preist to syng for my saule within the seid qweir by y^e space of one yere vj marcs for hys wage & he to syng at the oversight of the parish preist of y^e said church for the tyme beyng. Itm. I bequeth in y^e name of my mortuarie my best beyst. Itm. I bequeth to the hygh Alter of the said church for my thethys forgotten xvj^d. Itm. I bequeth to y^e Gyld of Corpus Christi xij^d. Itm. I bequeth on Aker of land wiche I purchased and lieth neigh Bubwyth houses to th'entent that a serge of wax may be sett byfore the Image of o^r Ladye in our Lady queyr & y^r to burn yerly for evermore as I have usyd & coustomed it to be light, and if case be so at the Candilstyke at now it stondeth upon be removed or takyn away at any tyme hereafter then the said Akar to remayn to myn heyres for evermore. Itm. I bequeth half one Akar of land for evermore wiche I purchased that lieth and abbueth upon the Close of WiHm Wakefeld neight the Thathes for the mantenyng and supportaçon of the Gyld called Jhu Gyld. Itm. I bequeth to y^e frears of Pontefract on quarter malte. Itm. I bequeth on quarter barley to the mantenyng of the light in the rude lofte within the church aforesaid. Itm. I bequeth to Thomas my sone the Croke as it greuith of iij Akers barly lying in a Close neith Bubwith houses, and the lyne y^t greweth within the said Close to remayne to my executors. Itm. I bequeth to my said son a fedderbed on pair blanketts a pair sheits a bolster w^t ij pillows ij Coverletts a Testre of white w^t the quyrtanes belongyng to y^e same bed and of y^e same colour. Itm. I bequeth to y^e said Thomas a lytell masser w^t a band of silver & gylt a Cowe the colour browne with my best gowne the colour violett with ij basyns and xx^{ti} shepe w^t a litell kyst standyng besyd my bed, w^t a grett pan w^t the condicion folowyng y^t is to say that my said son Thomas shal be frome hensfurth of lovyng and kyndely delyng toward my wife called Elisabeth now beyng his moder in law and to shew unto hyr at all seasons hereafter hys frenshipe, and that in all maters at she shall fortune to have, other in spiritual law or in temporall law, and if case be at my said sone so do then my will is that he shall injoie all such guds as I have bequethed to hym or els he never to have any parcell or parties of thayme, but holly the said guddis to remayn to myn executors this present grant above specified to my said sone by me maid notwithstanding. Itm. I bequeth to John Hale my godsone a quarter barley. Itm. I bequeth to x^pofer Parker my servante a quarter barley. Itm. I bequeth to Thomas Hewett ij oxen which remaneth in his handes. Itm. ij stotts w^t the Croke of half on Aker as it is sawne w^t wheit and lieth upon the streit toward Wentbrige called the streit furlong. Itm. I bequeth to Alice Wallthew on quie. The Residew of my goods unbequethed, my detts paid w^t my funerall expenses made and done I gyffe and frely bequeth holy to my wyfe Elisabeth and to Robert Asshton, hyre sone, whom I ordayne and make myn executors, and my lord prior of Saynt John house the Evangeliste within the Towne of Pontefract whome I

specially pray to be so gud lord for my sake as to take upon hym as Supervisor of thys my last will and testament. In witness herof to this my present testament and last will I have setto my sele. Thes witnesses Sir John Nelesthorpe, parishe preist of Pounfret, Sir John Roos, Sir Robert Nelson, chaplayns, Wiłm Pursour, Mayre of Pontefract, John Watson, and Thomas Huntyngdon, Burgesses of the said towne w^t other. Written at the Hospytall aforseid the day & yere above specyfyed.

Proved 16th July. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, vi, 122.)

WILL OF SIR JOHN BUTTALL, OF PONTEFRAC, CHAPLAIN.

In Dei nomine Amen. Anno Dñi Miłmo cccc^{mo} Octogesimo secundo, Decimo nono die mensis Septembris, Ego Johannes Buttall de Pontefracto, Capellanus, compos mentis saneque memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti beate Marie, totique curie celesti, Corpusque meum sepeliendum in choro beate Marie Virginis infra capellam Sancte Trinitatis, ville Pontisfracti. Item lego servicio beate Marie infra ecclesia parochialem ejusdem j manutergium de Twill cum signo H in illius fine & j parvum cophurum cum ligatis ferreis legatis. Item lego lumini Sñi Nichi xij^d. Et lumini beate Katherine xij^d. Item gilde Corporis Christi in eadem ecclesia xij^d, necnon & summo altari dicte ecclesie xij^d. Item lego in die sepulture mee sex libras cere comburendas circa corpus meum & die septimo. Item lego Johanni White cognato meo filio Ricardo White unam parvam murrum cum coopertorio ad eandem, lectum meum optimum cum j feder bed & omnia ad eundem lectum pertinentia cum libris meis non legatis. Item lego Johanne, cognate mee et sorori sue aliam murrum meam, optimam meam ollam, unam parvam patellam & j feder bed cum lodicibus & uno pare linthiaminum cum ij^{bz} coopertoriis sex cocliaribus argenteis & una pelve cum lavacro, sex discis, sex perapsidibus, & sex salariis. Item lego Ricardo White, cognato meo meam optimam murrum, j salte de argento. Item lego Agneti ejus uxori secundam murrum cum uno powder box de argento & j par precum de lamber. Item lego Magistro loci Sñe Trinitatis propriis exequiis xx^d & cuilibet capellano sociorum suorum xij^d, Duobus clericis ejusdem domus viij^d & cuilibet pauperi ibidem existenti ij^d. Item aliis capellanis exequiis die sepulture mee existentibus cuilibet iiij^d & Clericis parochialibus ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum cuilibet illorum iiij^d. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do & lego Ricardo White & Johanni filio ejusdem quos ordino & constituo meos executores ut ipsi Deum pre oculis habentes presens testamentum meum exequantur & fideliter compleant cum effectu. Hiis testibus Robto Moxson capellano, Stephano More, Thoma Warde cum aliis. Dat' die mense & Anno Domini supradictis.

Probate granted 10th May, 1486, to Richard White, executor, power being reserved for John White, the other co-executor. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 281d.)

WILL OF MASTER WILLIAM CAWDRAY, OF PONTEFRAC.

In Dei nomine Amen, Septimo die mensis Decembris Anno Dñi Miłmo cccc^{mo} tricesimo quarto, Ego Wiłmo Cawdray, medicus, compos mentis

& sane memorie existens sciensque michi mortis periculum imminere diem & horam obitus mei penitus ignorans condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti, beate Marie matri ejus, & omnibus sanctis ejus, corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum Pontisfracti. Item lego unum equum meum fore mortuarium, & alia que conveniunt sepulture mee ut mos predictæ ville expostulat. Item do & lego omnia bona mea Agneti, uxori mee duobus filiis meis inter nos genitis ac Elene filie mee secundum dispositionem uxoris mee predictæ. Et ad istud testamentum fideliter exequendum predictam Agnetem uxorem meam ac Elenam filiam meam predictam constituo meas executrices. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti testamento sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Joñne Thornton, vicario Pontisfracti, Joñne Hare, capellano, Joñne Forester, Joñne Knyghtly, Margareta Devyas, Joñna Dawe. Dat' die & Anno Domini supradictis.

Probate granted 15th February, 1434(5), to Agnes the relict, power being reserved for Elena, daughter and co-executrix. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iii, 405.)

WILL OF THOMAS CHALONER, VICAR OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen. Vicesimo die mensis Maii Anno Dñi Milmo cccc^{mo}lxxx^{mo}j^{do}. Ego Thomas Chaloner, Clericus, Vicarius perpetuus parochialis ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefract, compos mentis & sane memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego & commendo animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, beate Marie virgini, & omnibus sanctis celi, Corpusque meum sepeliendum in Cancellò ecclesie parochialis predictæ. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei unam vaccam. Item lego Gilde Corporis Christi in dicta ecclesia parochiali iij^s iiij^d. Item servicio beate Marie in eadem iij^s iiij^d. Item Fratibus predictæ ville vj^s viij^d. Item Fratibus Domus Sancti Roberti juxta Knaresburgh iij^s iiij^d. Item Domino Thome Rawson, capellano, ij cocliaria argentea. Item do & lego Roberto Hynderwell de Wakefeld meam optimam murram. Item lego uxori predicti Roberti meam optimam Quonam argenteam & deauratam. Item Johanne Alcotes servienti mee xx^s. Item lego Johanne Farseley servienti mee vj^s viij^d. Item lego uni honesto capellano celebraturo pro anima mea & animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum per duos annos proximo post decessum meum percipiendas per annum vij marcas xiiij marcas. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do & lego Dominis Wiłmo Wynke, Waltero Bubwith & Thome Rawson, capellanis, quosquidem facio ordino & constituo ultime mee voluntatis executores ut ipsi ordinent & disponant pro anime mee salute prout eis melius videbitur expedire. Hiis testibus, Dominis Johanne Tailyour, Petro Bek, capellanis, Joñe Hill, & aliis. Supervisorem vero hujus testamenti mei ordino facio & constituo predictum Robertum Hyndrewell.

Probate granted 30th July, 1483, to Sir William Wynke, chaplain, power being reserved for Thomas Rawson, chaplain, and Sir Walter Bubwith, chaplain, the other executor, having died before Probate. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 83d.)

WILL OF ROGER CHAPMAN, ALDERMAN OF PONTEFRACT.

In the name of God, Amen, the xixth day of Februarii in the yere of our Lorde God M^lDxxvijth. I Roger Chapman, Alderman of Pontefract, of hoole mynde and good remembrance maketh, instituteth and ordineth this my testament and last will in maner and forme folowing. First I geve my sall to God Almyghtie and to oure ladie Sancte Marie and to all the fare felishipe in hevyn and my bodie to be beried in the churche of Alhallos in Pomfrett before Sancte John where also I bequeath my best good to be my mortuary as costome is. Also I bequeth to the hie altar for tithes forgottyn iij^s iiij^d. Also I geve and bequeath to the Prior and the convent of the abbaye of Sancte Johanne Evangeliste of Pomfret to be absolved in the chapitoar house and to have a messe and a dirige done with all the covent xx^s. Also I bequeath to Corpus Cristi preist in parishe churche of Pontefract xij^d. Also I bequeath to the ladie service in Pomfret parishe churche xij^d. Also I bequeath to Jeshus preist in Pomfret parishe churche xij^d. Also I bequeath to Sancte Thomas preist in Pomfret parishe churche xij^d. Also I bequeath to Sir Roberte Frikeley in Pomfret parishe churche iiij^d. Also I bequeath to Roberte Chapman the son of Roberte Chapman fyve markes and to be in custodie of his fader to he come at lawfull age. Also I bequeath to William Halley the sone of John Halley xxvj^s viij^d. Also I bequeath to Alicie Hogeson xl^s in custodie of my wif. Also I bequeath to Elisabeth Halley the doughtour of John Halley xxvj^s viij^d. Also I bequeath to Elisabeth Mapils xx^s. Also I bequeath to Roger Machon for his barne parte or els not to have it fyve markes. Also I bequeath to Thomas Machon to his barne parte or els not fyve markes, x^s of this is in Edwarde Graue handes, shomaker, of Pomfrett. Also I bequeath to Roberte Thomlynson ij^s. Also I bequeath to Roger Machon ij^s. Also I bequeath to John Tautan ij^s. Also I bequeath to Thomas Browne ij^s. Also I bequeath to John Fynney xij^d. Also I bequeath to Isabell Haryson xx^d. Also I bequeath to Jenet Fenteman xx^d. Also I bequeath to John Benson xiiij^s iiij^d. Also I bequeath to Edwarde Grene xiiij^s iiij^d. Also I bequeath to Sir John Thwaites ij^s. Also I will that ij trentals be done for all Cristen salles. Also I bequeath to Roberte Chapman my sone to have all my takes after the decesse of me. The Residue of my goodes my dettes paid and my funerall expenses I gif them frelie to my wif and to Roberte Chapman my son, whome I orden and make my Executoars of this my testament and last will. Supervisors of this my testament and last Will I make my Lorde Prior of Pontefract Abbay and to have for his labour xx^s. Wittenes of this, Sir John Thwaites parishe preist, Maister William Hodgeson, John Benson, and John Skypton. Proved 26th February, 1528. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ix, 430.)

WILL OF JOHN CLAY, OF HARDWICK, PAR. PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen, iiij^{to} die mensis Novembris Anno Dñi MiHmo Dv^{to}. Ego Jofies Clay de Hardwyk, compos mentis & sane memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis commendo animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, beate Marie, & omnibus celi civibus, corpusque

meum sepeliendum in Cimiterio Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefract. Item lego pro mortuario meo ut moris est. Item lego summo altari pro decimis oblitis xij^d. Item lego servicio beate Marie iijj^d. Item lego Gilde Corporis Christi iijj^d. Item lego altari S^ci Jacobi unum manutergium. Item volo quod Cecilia uxor mea dividat octoginta pauperibus vj^s viij^d pro salute anime mee in die sepulture mee. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum, debitis meis plene solutis do & lego Cecilie uxori mee quam facio meam executricem ut ipsa disponat pro salute anime mee prout sibi melius videbitur expedire. Hujus autem testamenti facio & ordino WiHmum Jakson & Georgium Hokekynson, supervisores. Hiis testibus D^{ño} Rob^{to} Forrest, curat', Thome Hoppy, W^o Nevell & aliis.

Probate granted 20th February, 1506. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, vi, 223d.)

PROBATE ACT OF WILLIAM CLOONE, OF PONTEFRACT.

Probatum fuit testamentum WiHmi Cloone nuper Pontisfracti defuncti undecimo die mensis Januarii Anno Domini Millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo sexto et commissa Administracio Mariorie, relicte ipsius defuncti, executrici in eodem testamento nominate, jurate in forma juris. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 341d.)

WILL OF JOAN COBERD, OF PONTEFRACT, WIDOW.

In Dei nomine Amen, quinto die mensis Decembris Anno Domini MiHimo cccc^{mo}lxxx^{mo}iiij^{to}. Ego Johanna Coberd de Pontefractio vidua compos mentis saneque memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego aī'am meam Deo omnipotenti beate Marie & omnibus sanctis Corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefractio coram ymagine S^ci Johannis Baptiste. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei optimum meum animal. Item lego summo altari in eadem ecclesia pro decimis oblitis & negligenter omissis iij^s iijj^d. Item lego Capsule in eadem unum par precularum argentearum. Item lego uni Sacerdoti per quarterium unius anni celebranti pro salute anime mee xx^s. Item lego domui S^ci Roberti juxta Knaresburgh iij^s iijj^d. Item lego Thome Grene & Elene uxori sue unum lectum integrum. Item lego eidem Elene unam ollam enneam & unam patellam. Item lego Johanne filie seniori dicte Elene unum lectum integrum, j ollam enneam et patellam. Item lego Vicario predictae ecclesie iij^s iijj^d. Item volo quod Robertus Moxson, capellanus, habeat x^s. Item volo quod Thomas Coberd, filius meus, habeat mansionem meam in qua nunc inhabito, cum pertinentiis suis, sibi & heredibus suis legitime procreatis. Et si contingat predictum Thomam obire absque herede de corpore suo legitime procreato volo quod predicta mansio cum suis pertinentiis remaneat ecclesie parochiali Omnium Sanctorum Pontisfracti ad altare S^ci Johannis Baptiste imperpetuum. Item lego Thome Grene & Elene filie mee ad terminum vite eorundem dimedium Messuagium in le Balze in quo nunc inhabitant. Ita tamen quod post decessum dictorum Thome & Elene predictum dimedium messuagium integre remaneat Thome Coberd, filio meo & heredibus suis legitime procreatis. Item lego predictis Thome Grene & Elene uxori sue

quinque rodatas terre jacentes in lez Oldefeld ad totum terminum vite eorundem. Ita tamen quod post decessum eorundem integre remaneant Thome Coberd predicto & heredibus suis imperpetuum. Item lego Gilde Corporis Christi in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum Pontisfracti predicta vj^s viij^d. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum, debitis meis persolutis & expensis meis funeralibus perimpletis, do & lego Thome Coberd, filio meo, quem constituo & ordino hujus voluntatis mee executorem, ut ipse disponat pro salute anime mee optimo modo sciverit & hoc per supervisionem Johannis Stadfold, vicarii ecclesie parochialis Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefracto predicto. In cujus rei, &c. Hiis testibus Johanne Wilkok, capellano, Johanne Hogeson & Thome Warde ac aliis. Dat' apud Pontemfractum predictum die mense & Anno Domini supradictis.

Proved 10th October, 1485. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 263d.)

WILL OF THOMAS COBERT, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen. Sexto die mensis Maii Anno Domini Millesimo cccc^{mo} nonagesimo primo. Ego Thomas Cobert de Pontefracto compos mentis & sane memorie eger tamen corpore condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam Deo omnipotenti beate Marie & omnibus sanctis Corpusque meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum Pontisfracti juxta corpus Johannis fratris mei capellani. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei optimum animall prout moris est. Item lego summo altari ejusdem ecclesie pro decimis meis oblitis iij^s iiij^d. Item lego servicio beate Marie in eadem xx^d. Item lego Gilde Corporis Christi in eadem ij^s. Item lego fabrice ejusdem ecclesie xij^d. Item to the schrine corporis Christi unum annulum aureum ut figatur in eadem imperpetuum, aliter non. Item lego altari S^ci Johannis in eadem ecclesia duo pelvis de serico. Item lego Margarete filie mee si bene & honeste se habeat usque ad maritadium suum xl^s. Item lego Thome Birkinshaw dimedium quarterium ordii. Item lego Rob^{to} Wade dimeidium quart' ordii. Item lego sacerdoti celebraturo per quarterium anni pro anima mea & omnium benefactorum meorum xxij^s iiij^d. Item lego fabrice ecclesie parochialis de Ledsam iij^s iiij^d. Item lego Domui S^ci Roberti juxta Knaresburgh iij^s iiij^d. Item lego domui fratrum predicatorum Pontisfracti ij^s. Item lego Wi^lmo filio meo meam optimam murram & meum optimum craterem & sex cocliaria argentea de optimis. Item lego Thome Childe pro suo labore in supervisione testamenti mei iij^s iiij^d. Item lego Johanni Hoghson ad idem iij^s iiij^d. Item lego Johanne filie mee vj^s viij^d. Item lego Roberto Moxson capellano vj^s viij^d. Item volo quod Isabella uxor mea habeat omnia terras & tenementa mea sibi & heredibus suis Et terre & tenementa mea ad totum terminum vite sue ita tamen quod post ejus decessum integre & sine diminucione aliqua remaneant heredibus meis legitime procreatis imperpetuum. Et si contingat predictum Wi^llm filium meum & heredes meos legitime procreatos obire absque herede de corporibus eorum legitime procreato tunc volo & ordino quod omnia terre & tenementa mea integre remaneant ecclesie parochiali Omnium Sanctorum Pontisfracti predictae imperpetuum. Item

volo & ordino quod Isabella uxor mea hujus testamenti mei executrix usque ad plenam etatem Wiłłmi filii mei & heredis mei cum ad plenam etatem pervenerit annuatim celebrent & celebrari faciant unum solemne Dirige cum Missa de Requiem pro anima mea et omnium benefactorum meorum in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum Pontisfracti predicti ad valorem iij^s iiij^d. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do et lego Isabelle uxori mee quam facio ordino & constituo hujus ultime voluntatis mee executricem ut ipsa disponat pro se et pueris meis sustentandis et pro salute anime mee & omnium benefactorum meorum optimo modo quo sciverit & hoc per supervisorem Thome Childe & Johannis Hoghson quos constituo hujus voluntatis mee supervisores. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti testamento meo sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Robto Moxson capellano, Thome Childe predicto, Johe Hoghson predicto & aliis. Dat' apud Pontemfractum predictum die mense & anno domini supradictis.

Proved 7th October, 1491. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 400d.)

ADMINISTRATION OF JOHN HOTON, OF KNOTTINGLEY.

Item vicesimo septimo die mensis Octobris Anno Domini Miłłmo cccc^{mo} quinquagesimo octavo Commissa fuit Administracio omnium bonorum Johannis Hoton nuper Knottyngley, parochie de Pontefracto ab intestato defuncti, Alicie, relicte ipsius defuncti Administratrici in bonis ejusdem defuncti, Auctoritate Ordinaria deputate jurate in forma juris. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 383.)

ADMINISTRATION OF WM. JOHNSON, OF KNOTTINGLEY.

Item, xxij^{do} die mensis Octobris Anno dñi Miłłmo cccc^{mo} Octogesimo secundo Commissa fuit Administracio omnium bonorum que fuerunt Wiłłmi Johnson, nuper de Knottingley, parochie de Pontefracto, ab intestato defuncti, Ricardo Johnson, filio ejusdem defuncti, auctoritate ordinaria deputato in forma juris jurato, etc. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 27.)

PROBATE ACT OF ALICE HALL, OF PONTEFRACT.

Probatum fuit testamentum Alicie Hall, nuper de Pontefracto vidue defuncte septimo die mensis Novembris Anno Domini Miłłmo Quadringentesimo (*septuagesimo*) tercio et commissa Administracio Dom̃pno Johanni Esttofte, Priori de Pontefracto, Executori in eodem testamento nominato jurato in forma juris. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iv, 200.) N.B.—Probably the correct date of the above is 1473, "septuagesimo" being accidentally omitted, as it occurs among other acts of that year.

WILL OF WILLIAM HALL, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen. Tercio die mensis Octobris Anno Domini Miłłmo Quadringen^{mo} quadrage^{mo} tercio Ego Wiłłmus Hall de Pontefracto compos mentis & sane memorie condo & ordino test^m meum in hunc

modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo & beate Marie & corpus meum sepeliendum in cimiterio ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum in Pontefracto. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei optimum meum equum cum cella freno & aliis ornamentis ut moris est. Item lego ad comburendum circa corpus meum in die Sepulture mee & die octavo vjlb. cere. Item lego servicio beate Marie in ecclesia parochiali de Pontefracto iij^s iiij^d. Item lego Gilde Corporis Christi iij^s iiij^d. Item lego fabrice capelle Sancti Egidii vj^s viij^d. Item lego Fratribus ordinis predicatorum de Pontefracto x^s. Item Fratribus ordinis minorum de Doncastria vj^s viij^d. Item lego Fratribus ordinis Augustini de Tikhill vj^s viij^d. Item omnia utencilia domus mee Isabelle sorori mee. Item lego Wilmo filio meo optimam togam meam & optimam zonam meam cum argento harnasiatam & Sicam meam. Item lego Johanni Henrison, servienti meo, x^s. Item lego Robto Meriman servienti meo, unum equum vel v^s. Item lego Thome Shepherd iiij^{or} oves vocatos hogges. Item lego Agneti, famule mee, iij^s iiij^d. Item lego Priori Monasterii S^ci Johannis Apostoli & Evangeliste de Pontefracto si veniat ad exequias meas ij^s et cuilibet Fratrum suorum venienti secum iiij^d. Item lego Magistro Collegii S^ce Trinitatis viij^d et cuilibet Fratrum suorum venienti cum eo ad exequias meas iiij^d. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do & lego Isabelle uxori mee, Johanni Burton de Bigging & Thome Wilkynson de Pontefracto quos ordino & constituo executores presentis testamenti mei ut ipsi pro me disponant sicut illis melius videbitur expedire. Hiis testibus, Domino Nicho Bubwith, capellano, Domino Roberto Cowper, capellano, & aliis. Dat' die & anno Domini supradictis per presentes sigillo meo signatos.

Proved 21st Oct., 1443. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 67.)

ADMINISTRATION OF HENRY HARDWIKE, OF PONTEFRACT.

Item, Vicesimo tercio die mensis Januarii Anno Domini mccccliii commissa fuit Administracio omnium bonorum Magistri Henrici Hardwike nuper de Pontefracto ab intestato defuncti Domino Ricardo Palmer, vicario de Fryston, Administratori in bonis ejusdem defuncti auctoritate ordinaria deputato jurato in forma juris. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 289d.)

WILL OF THOMAS HARROPE, OF PONTEFRACT, CHAPLAIN.

In Dei nomine Amen, in festo S^ci Gregorii pape Anno Domini Milmo diiiijto. Ego Thomas Harrope, capellanus, compos mentis & sane memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. Inprimis lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti beate Marie Virgini ac omnibus sanctis, corpusque meum sepeliendum in cimiterio Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefracto prope corpus matris mee. Item lego servicio beate Marie in ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum predicta ad emendum unam casulam precii xxvj^s viij^d. Item lego Dionisio Harrope xx^s. Item lego Roberto Harrope, canonico, vj^s viij^d. Item lego Fratribus Predicatoribus de Pontefracto ij^s. Item lego serviciis beate Marie in eadem villa xx^d. Item lego gilde Corporis

Christi xx^d. Item lego Roberto Standen et uxori ejus xx^s. Item lego eidem Roberto unam togam curtam. Item lego uxori ejus unam togam longam. Item lego servienti Roberti Standen unam togam longam. Item lego Johanne Harrope sorori mee ad sustentacionem puerorum Dionisii Harrope xx^s. Item lego pauperibus ad orandum pro salute anime mee omnia mea lectualia dividenda per supervisionem executoris mei, quem ordino et facio Dionisium Harrope, ad implendum omnia et singula premissa pro salute anime mee sicut vult respondere summo Judice in die Judicii. Hiis testibus, Thoma Ouslay, Dionisio Austwyk, Johanne Landall, Nicho Messbruk, Radulpho Purson et aliis.

Proved 12th April, 1505. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, vi, 132.)

WILL OF JOHN HAWLEY, OF PONTEFRAC, TANNER.

In the name of God Amen, the xth daye of the moneth of Decembre in the yere of o^r Lorde God mdxxviith. I John Hawley of Pontefract, tannar, beyng of hoole mynde and good remembrance makith this my testament and last will in maner and forme folowing. First I bequeath my sall to God Almyghtie, to his moder oure ladie Sancte Marie and to all the holie company of hevyn, my bodie to be beried within the parishe church of Allhallouse in Pontefracte, nye the Gilde where of Corpus Christi where my wif lieth, And my best good to be my mortuary after the custome of the church. Item I bequeath to the hie altar for my tithes forgettyn xx^d. Item I bequeath to Cecilie Hawley my wif my house the whiche I dwell in, she to have it to my heire comto lawfull age, And to bryng upe my childer with it. And the said Cecilie to uphold it with reparacions. The residue of all my goods above not bequeathed, my detts paid, my funerall expenses done and maide the legacy of my beryall I gyve them hoolye and frely to Cecilie my wif, William Halley, Roberte, and Elisabeth whome I orden and make my executors and Roberte Hawley my broder and Roger Chapman and Ric. Bywall to be Supervysors of this my present testament and last will to se that it be fulfilled. In wittenes herof, Sir John Nelstrobe, parishe preist, Roger Fukley, Roger Chapman, Sir Roberte Goodyere, Gilberte Childe.

Proved 15th January, 1527(8). (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ix, 391d.)

WILL OF WILLIAM HELAYE, OF PONTEFRAC.

In the name of God, Amen, the xxvjth daie of the moneth of Marcii in the yere of o^r lord God M^lccccthxxxth, I William Helaye of Pontefracte of hole witte and good remembrance makes my laste Will in manor foloyng. Fyrste I bequeathe my saule to God Almightye, our ladie Sainte Marie and all the saintes in heven, and my bodie to bee beryed in the church yearde of All hallowes of Pomfrete. And I bequeathe & gif my beste good to bee my mortuarie as custome requireth. Also I bequeathe to the highe alter in my parishe church xij^d. Also I bequeathe to every preiste in my parishe church iiij^d besides the dewties of the church, and to the preistes of Sainte Giles chapell to ichone of theme iiij^d besides the

dewties of the church, to Thomas Jenett ij^d. Also I bequeathe to my moder half a quarter of barlie malte, to John Skypton and hys wife one hyve, to William Holyngworthe of Carleton one mette of beanes, to Robert Rodewell one mette of beanes, to Richard Dobson one mette of beanes, to John my broder my beste dublet my sadill bridle botes and spures. The residew of my goodes my dettes paide and my bringing forthe done and maid I gif and bequeathe to my wife and my children, whiche wife and children I constitute and ordane to bee my executors that they dispose my goodes as they thinke beste. Thies wittenes, S^r Thomas Lodge, Edward Estwodde, Thomas Jennett, with oder, as John Skypton et Edus Tyas de Pontefracto the daie and yeare above written.

Probate granted 12th July, 1530, to Margaret, the relict and executrix, power being reserved for John, Agnes, Leonard, and Margaret, children and co-executors under age. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ix, 474.)

WILL OF JOHN HELMESLEY, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen. Anno Domini Millesimo cccc^{mo} tricesimo quarto et xxvj^{to} die mensis Julii. Ego Johannes Helmesley de Pontefracto, compos mentis condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo, beate Marie, et omnibus sanctis, et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in cimiterio ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefracto. Item lego pro mortuario meo unum equum. Item lego summo altari in eadem ecclesia pro decimis oblitis xx^d. Item fabrice dicte ecclesie xx^d. Item servicio beate Marie in eadem ecclesia xij^d. Item servicio beate Marie in capella Sancti Egidii xij^d. Item Gilde Corporis Christi ij^s. Item lego Vicario meo vj^d. Item cuilibet presbitero existenti in exequiis meis iij^s. Item lego iijj^{or} libras cere ad comburendum circa corpus meum in die sepulture mee. Item lego Wi^lmo filio meo xl^s. Item lego Johanne filie mee xl^s. Item lego Fratribus de Pontefracto xx^d. Item lego D^{ño} Thome Kypax unam duplithecā de rubio worstedd. Item lego Henrico Swillyngton 1 wyre hatte. Item lego Thome Watton 1 togam viridem. Item lego Agneti, filie Wi^li Haldenby 1 parvam cistam de Every. Residuum vero bonorum meorum non legatorum do et lego. Executoribus meis, videlicet, Johanni Flynte et Dionisio Leventhorp. Et lego illis duobus pro laboribus suis vj^s viij^d et ut ipsi disponent pro anima mea sicut velint ut facerem pro eis si essent in eodem casu. In cujus rei testimonium presenti testamento meo sigillum meum apposui. Dat' apud Pontemfractum anno et die supradictis.

Proved 24th August, 1434. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iii, 393.)

WILL OF THOMAS HODGESON, OF PONTEFRACT, ALDERMAN AND MERCHANT.

In Dei nōie Amen, the xxiiijth daye of the moneth of Januarii in the yere of o^r Lord God m^ldxxvijth. I Thomas Hodgeson of Pontefracte, Alderman and marchand, of hoole mynde and good remembrance, institutes and ordineth this my testament and last will in maner and forme folowing. First I yeve my sall to Almyghti God and to o^r ladie Sancte

Marie and all the company of hevyn, and my bodie to be beried in the church of Allhallos in Pontefract nye to my fader. Also I bequeath my best good to be my mortuary as the costom is. Also I bequeath to the hie altar for tithes forgettyn ij^s. Also I bequeath to the Gilde of Corpus Christi in Pontefracte xx^d. Also I yeve to the service of oure ladie in Pontefracte parishe church xx^d. Also I bequeath to the blake freres in Pontefracte iij^s iiij^d. Also I bequeath to amendyng of the causey goyng towarde Wakefeld iij^s iiij^d. Also I bequeath to Johan Thwaites a blake Jackett and a pare of hoise and ij^s in money. Also I bequeath to Armatage wif a yerde of lyn clothe. Also I bequeath to Eger of Covyntre xvj^s vj^d. Also I bequeath to Maistres Partriche iij^s. Also I gif to Richarde Smyth x^s. Also I bequeath to Maister William Hodgeson a gowne furred with fitches, and an other gowne to Thomas Wilbore furred. Also and another I bequeath Richarde Wilbore furred with white laine and ij pare of Sleves. Also I yeve to Maister Chapman a jacket chamlett. Also I will that Thomas Hodgeson my son have a house in Acworthe with a crosse and a garthe belonging to the same. Also I will that Agnes Hodgeson my doughtor have a crosse lyeing behynd the Freres in Pontefract callid the hie garthe. Also I will that James Hodgeson my son have the howse that Ric. Wilbore dwelleth in in the markett stede of Pontefracte. Also I will that William Hodgeson my son have a howse at the hird crosse, that Nicholas lenthorpe dwelleth in. It is my will that all thies temporales afornamed go to my childer after the decesse of my wif as it appeareth more playnly in deides of Gifte particularly. The Residue of my goods, my detts paid and my funerall expenses maid, I yeve them frelye to Agnes Hodgeson my wif and William Hodgeson my son whom I orden and make my executors of this my last Will. Supervisor of this I make my fader in lawe Maister Roger Chapman to se that it be fulfilled. Thies beyng Wittenes, Sir John Thwaites, parishe preist, Maister William Hodgeson, Maister Roger Chapman.

Proved 2nd June, 1529. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ix, 442d.)

WILL OF JOHN HOGESON, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nōie Amen. The xxvth day of August in the yere of our Lorde m^lv^cxixth. I John Hogeson of Pontefract, beyng of holle mynd and good remembrance ordeyns and makes my testament and last will in maner and forme followyng, that is to say, First I give and bequeath my soull in to the handes of Allmyghty God my maker and redemer, of the blissed virgin our lady Saynt Mary his moder, and of all the holy sayntes in hevyn, my body to be buried in the paroche church of All hallowes in Pontefract nye unto the gilde quere. Also I give and bequeath for my mortuarie my beste quyke beaste. Also I bequeath to the hie alter in the said church of Pontefract for forgotten tithes and oblacions xx^d. Also I bequeath to the service of our lady in the said church v^s. Also to the gilde of Corpus Christi xij^d. Also to the gylde of Jeshu xij^d. Also I will that a discreit preist shall do devyne service for my soull and all Christien soulls at the alter of Saynt John Baptiste within the said church of Pontefract after my decesse by the space of ij yerres then next followyng the said prest

havyng by yere vij markes and he to maynteyne Godes service in the said church as all oder prestes doeth. Allso I bequeath to my lorde Prior of Saynt Oswolds vj^s viij^d. And to the convent of the same place xx^d. for to have dirige and messe for my soull and all Christien soules with absolucion in their chapitor house. Allso I bequeath to my lorde Prior and Convent of Saynt John Evangeliste of Pontefract to have a dirige and messe with absolucion in ther chaptor house xx^d. Allso I bequeath to Jennet Nottell dwellyng with hir suster att Sherewodde hall iij^s iiij^d, and an ox calfe. Allso I bequeath to every servant in my house as well men as women xij^d. Allso I bequeath to the mendyng of hye wayes in the (blank) within the towne of Pontefract xl^s. Allso I bequeath to John Hogeson son of Thomas Hogeson my son, xl^s of my parte. Allso I bequeath to the chylde of Wiſhm Hogeson my son if God sende hym any with his wiff xl^s of my parte. Allso I bequeath to Jennet Hogeson, doghter of the said John Hogeson xx^s of my parte. Allso I will that Alice my wiffe shall have all my lands and tenements within the feldes and towne of Pontefract duryng her lyff naturall, and after hir decesse I will that Wiſhm Hogeson my son shall have theme to hym and his for ever, one burgage or mease buldylde in Mikkylgate in Pontefract now in the holdyng of John Margetson, and the one halfe of all my londes and medowes in the feldes of Pontefract. And also than I will that my son Thomas Hogeson shall have to hym and his heyres for ever a meise or burgage in the boothes in Pontefract now in the holdyng of John Benson and one tenemente beldyld in Coppergate in Pontefract now in the holdyng of Henry Johnson and the oder halfe parte of all my landes and medowes in the feldes of Pontefract. Allso I will that all my goodes shalbe divided in thre partes and that my wyff shall have one parte therof, and my children shall have an oder parte therof, and the thirde parte to myselfe and for fulfillyng of my will, all my dettes payede upon the holle. Allso I ordeyne and make Alice my wyffe, Wiſhm Hogeson, my son, and Thomas Hogeson my son, for to be myn Executours. Thies beyng Witnesses, Sr John Nelsthorpe, parochie prest of Pontefract, Wiſhm Wakefelde, gentilman, John Stroder, Robt Gibson, and many moo.

Proved 4th October, 1519. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ix, 86.)

WILL OF HENRY HOLGATE, OF PONTEFRAC, MERCER.

In the name of God Amen, the secunde day of July the yere of o^r lord God m^dxxi, I Herry Holgaite of Pontefract, marcer, hoole of mynd and of good remembrance ordineth and maketh this my last will in forme folowyng. First I bequeath my saull to Almyghty God, o^r lady Seynt Mary and to al the holye company in hevyn, my body to be beryed in the kirke of Alhallowes in Pontefract and for my mortuary my best beast. Also I gif to the hye alter for tythes forgettyn ij^s. Also I gif to Seynt Johns house to be assoled in the chappito^r house vj^s viij^d. Also I gif to the lady service in Alhalows kirke ij^s and to the lady service in seynt Gillys chappell xij^d. Also I gif to Jeshu gilde ij^s and to Corpus Christi gilde iij^s iiij^d. Also I gif to the house that goes toward Wakefeld iij^s iiij^d, and to Brotherton Causey viij^d. Also I gif to amend hye ways

with where moost nede is x^s. Also I gif to the Freres of Pontefract the day of my beryall iiij^s. Also I gif Robert Furnes iij^s iiij^d. Also I gif Elisabeth Fornes iij^s iiij^d. Also I gif Agnes Nelson, daughter of William Nelson ij^s and to ychone of his childer xij^d. Also I gif to Christofer my broder vj^s viij^d of my goods, also a quarter malt, x sheep, v lames, and to ychone of his childer ij^s. Also I gif to my brother John vj^s viij^d of my goods and vj^s viij^d that Sir John sent hym by me, also a quarter malte, x sheip, v lames, and to ychone of his childer ij^s and one sheip, and to ychone of Christofer childer one sheip. Also I gif my violet gowne, my Galberdyne, to my forseid brother John and Christofer. Also I gif to William my brother vj^s viij^d of my goods and vj^s viij^d that Sir John sent hym. Also I gif hym one horse and a cow that he has in his hands of myne. Also I gif Christofer my brother one dublett of worstett or chamlet wheder he will take. Also I gif my sister Foster wif x^s one bownd of lyne, hir husband one dublet clothe of fustian, and to ychone of his childer ij^s. Also I gif my fader vj^s viij^d and one russet gowne. Also I gif Thomas Ranold wif v^s. Also I gif Elisabeth hir daughter vj^s viij^d, and to Thomas and William hir sonys aither of them iij^s iiij^d, and to hir yongest doughto^r iij^s iiij^d. Also I gif Jenkynson wif ij^s. Also I gif to ychone of Richard Holgaite childer ij^s. Also I gif ychone of my childer of my goods beside ther barne partes iij^l. Also I gif John my apprentice xx^s that I promised and x^s of my goods when he settis up for hymself he doing his covenants. Also I gif to byeing of one clothe to be before the hye alter ij^s. Also I gif William Nelson my best gowne. Also I gif Herry Furnes my mottley coite. Also I will that one preist have iij^l to syng for my saull in Al-halowse kirke in Pontefract one hoole yere in Seynt John where. The Residue of my goods, my dettys paid and my will performyd frely I gif to my wif whome I make my full executrix of this my last Wyll, and with hir my brother Sir John Holgaite if he will, and he to have of my goods for his labours iij^l and his resonable costys. And I make Supervisors of the same to se this my last Will trulye performed Dionise Awstwyke, William Nelson, Henry Furnes, and ychone of them to have for ther labo^r vj^s viij^d. Wytnes herof, Sir John Nelstthrop, parishe preist of Pontefract, Sir Cutberd Cootes, Lyonell Ruston, with other.

Probate granted 4th September, 1521, to Elisabeth, the relict, power being reserved for Sir John Holgaite, priest, co-executor. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ix, 171.)

PROBATE ACT OF WILLIAM HOLME, OF PONTEFRACHT.

Probatum fuit testamentum Wiñi Holme nuper de Pontefracto defuncti xix^o die Februarii Anno Domini Mil^lio cccc^{mo} lxxx^{mo} secundo. Et commissa Administracio Johanne, Relicte & executrici in eodem testamento nominate jurate, etc. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 39d.)

WILL OF WILLIAM HOPPAY, OF PONTEFRACHT.

In the name of God, Amen, the xijth day of the monethe of Auguste in the yere of o^r Lorde God m^dlxxxvjth. I William Hoppay, beyng of hoole

mynde and good remembrance makes this my testament and last Will in maner and forme folowing. First I gyve my sall to Almyghtie God, and to the blissed virgyn o^r lady Sancte Mary, and to all the faire felishipe in hevyn, my body to be beried within the parish church yerde of All-hallowys in Pontefract, my best beast to be my mortuary after the costome of the church. Item I bequeath to the hie altar for tithes forgottyn xij^d. The residue of all my goods above not bequeathed, my detts paid my expenses maid the day of my beriall, I gyve them frely to Thomas Hoppay my fader whome I ordens and makes my executo^r. In wittenes herof Sir John Nelesthorp, parochie preist of Pontefract, Laurente Wile, clerke, with other moo the day and yere above said.

Proved 7th November, 1526. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ix, 355*d*.)

ADMINISTRATION OF JOHN HOTON, OF KNOTTINGLEY.

Item, vicesimo septimo die mensis Octobris Anno Domini MiHimo cccc^{mo} quinquagesimo octavo commissa fuit Administracio omnium bonorum Johannis Hoton nuper Knottyngeley, parochie de Pontefracto ab intestato defuncti Alicie, Relicte ipsius defuncti Administratrici in bonis ejusdem defuncti auctoritate ordinaria deputate jurate in forma juris. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 383.)

ADMINISTRATION OF JOHN HUDSON, OF PONTEFRACT, CHAPLAIN.

Item xxj^{mo} die mensis Marcii Anno Domini MiHimo cccc^{mo} lxxx^{mo} vij^{mo} commissa fuit Administracio omnium bonorum que fuerunt Dñi Johannis Hudson nuper de Pontefracto capellano ab intestato defuncti Stephano Hudson de eadem Administratori in bonis ejusdem defuncti auctoritate ordinaria deputato jurato, etc. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 326.)

WILL OF RICHARD HUNTYNGDON, OF PONTEFRACT.

In the name of God, Amen, in the yere of o^r Lord God m^ldxijth. I Richarde Huntynghdon of hoole mynde makes this my testament and last Will in maner and forme folowyng. First I bequeath my saull to God Almyghtie, o^r lady Sayncte Mary, and to al the saynctes in hevyn my body to be beriede in the blake freres of Pontefract, my best beast to be my mortuary after the costome of the church. Item I bequeath to the hie altar xij^d. Item I bequeath xx^s to be disposed the day of my beriall. Item I gif and bequeath to the blake Freres in Pontefract xx^s. Item I bequeath my wif my howse in North Gaite with al thynges belongyng to the same as appeareth in a dede of feoffamente. Item I gif to John my son oon pece of sylver. Item I bequeath to Henry Hunttyngdon vj^s viij^d. Item to Robt. Hunttyngdon vj^s viij^d. Item to Sir John Thwaites vj^s viij^d. The residue of my goods, my detts paide, I gif them frelye to my wif and John my son whom I make my executors. Item I will that al my howses and landes for defaulte of heres of my body lawfully begottyn and of heres of their bodies lawfully begottyn shall remane to Henry Hunttyngdon and

the heres of his body lawfully begottyn for ever. Supervisors of this my testament and last will I make Henry Hunttyngdon and Robert Hunttyngdon. Thes beyng Witnes, Sir John, Lionell Roolston.

Proved 2nd October, 1523. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ix, 258.)

WILL OF ROBERT HUNTYNGDON, OF PONTEFRACT.

In the name of God, Amen, the xxxth day of September in the yere of o^r Lorde God m^dxxvjth. I Roberte Hunttyngdon of Pontefract, hoole of mynd and good of remembrance ordens and makys this my testament and last Will in maner and forme folowing. First I bequeath my sall to God Almyghtie, o^r lady Sancte Mary and to all the holye company of hevyn and my body to be beried in the parishe church of All hallowys in Pontefract and my best beast to be my mortuary after costome of the church. Item, I bequeath to the hye altar xij^d. Item to the Gilde of Corpus Christi viij^d. The Residue of my goods I gyve and bequeath to Elisabeth my wif, Thomas, Hery, William, and Isabel my childer, whome I make my executors. And Supervisors Thomas Hunttyngdon and Henry Butler. Thies beyng Wittenes, Sir John Thwaites, Sir George Ynggrame, and Leonel Rolstone with other moo.

Proved 7th November, 1526. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ix, 355d.)

WILL OF RICHARD HYNDE, OF PONTEFRACT.

In the name of God, Amen, the xjth day of Auguste in the yere of o^r Lord God m^dxxijth. I Richard Hynde of hoole mynde makes this my testament in maner and forme folowing. First I bequeath my saull to God Almightye, o^r lady Sayncte Mary, and to al the company of hevyn, my body to be beriede in the church yerde of Alhalouse in Pontefract, my best beast to be my mortuary as costome is. Item I bequeath to the hie altar for tithes forgettyn xij^d. Item I bequeath to the hie altar in Sainte Giles church a messale. Item to Sir John Benyson xij^d. Item to Sir John Effam xij^d. Item to Sir John Thwaites xij^d. Item to Sir Cristofer Casse iiij^d. Item to Sir Edmund Hirst vj^d. Also I will that Alicie my wife have the house in the ledder markett as lang as she kepeth hir unmariede and than it to remane to my heres. Item I bequeath to Sir John Hynde of Kellyngton vj^s viij^d. The residue of my goodes I gif and bequeath to Alison my wif and to my son Thomas whome I orden and make my executors. Thes beyng Wittenesse, Sir John Thwaites, Sir John Benson, Thomas Slaike, with other.

Proved 2nd October, 1523. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ix, 258d.)

ADMINISTRATION OF JOHN HYNDERWELL, OF PONTEFRACT.

Item, nono die mensis Decembris Anno Domini mcccclv Commissa fuit Administracio omnium bonorum Johannis Hynderwell, nuper de Pontefracto ab intestato defuncti Wifmo Scargill, armigero, Alicie, Relicte ejusdem Johannis defuncti, & Roberto Grisse de Wakefeld, administratoribus in bonis ejusdem defuncti Auctoritate ordinaria deputatis juratis in forma juris. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 325.)

WILL OF EMMA WIFE OF JOHN HYPPERON (BUR^D PONTEFRACT).

In Dei nomine Amen, die Martis prox' post festum Translacionis S^ci Thome Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi Anno Domini Mil^{mo} ccc^{mo} nonagesimo octavo, Ego Emma uxor Johannis Hypperon, ex licencia Mariti mei condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis do & lego animam meam Deo beate Marie & omnibus sanctis & corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia Fratrum Predicatorum Pontisfracti. Item lego pro mortuario meum secundum animal domus. Item lego in cera ad comburendum circa corpus meum xiiij¹¹ quorum volo quod sex remaneant penes ecclesiam parochialem Omnium Sanctorum Pontisfracti, & iiij¹¹ penes predictos, & iij¹¹ penes capellam S^ci Egidii. Item lego ad summum altare ecclesie mee parochialis xiijs iiij^d & j manutergium. Item lego ecclesie Cathedrali Ebor v^s. Item lego Clementi consanguinee unum Courtby cum j interula de rubio cum penna sua & j par numeralium de Cristallo. Item lego Johannⁱ, filio Rogeri Silkeston v^s. Item lego filiis Ri^ci Brumby xl^s. Item lego Alicie servienti mee ij coopertoria ij linthiamina cum j tunica j tunicella & x^s. Item lego Avote j tunicam & tunicellam. Item lego Margar' de Brumby j togam de Motley cum i penula de Gray & j flamiola de serico. Item lego Margar' servienti mee j tunicam & j tunicellam. Item lego Thome Forester xiijs iiij^d. Item lego Emme filie sue ij^s & j flamiolam de serico. Item lego Johanni Heremite iij^s iiij^d. Item lego cuilibet capellano venienti ad exequias meas iij^d. Item lego vicario meo ij^s vj^d. Item lego cuilibet capellano celebraturo pro anima mea vj marcas. Item do & lego totum residuum bonorum meorum pariter & catallorum Johanni Hipperon marito meo quemquidem facio & constituo executorem meum, ut & ipse faciat atque disponat pro anima mea prout ipse melius viderit expedire. In cujus rei testimonium presenti testamento sigillum meum apposui.

Proved 22nd July, 1398. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iii, 2.)

WILL OF JOHN ILLINGWORTH, OF PONTEFRACT, DRAPER.

In Dei nomine Amen, xj^e¹⁰ die mensis Septembris Anno Domini Mil^{mo} cccc^{mo} lxxx^{mo} iij^{mo}. Ego Johannes Illyngworth de Pontefract, Drapo^r, compos mentis & sane memorie condo & ordino testamentum meum in hunc modum. Primo do & lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti beatissimeque virgini Marie ac omnibus sanctis celestis curie Corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia mea parochiali de Pontefract. Et lego pro meo mortuario optimum meum animal. Item do & lego Fabrice dicte ecclesie iij^s iiij^d. Et lego Conventui domus Fratrum Predicatorum dicti Pontisfracti ad legendum & orandum pro anime mee salute & animabus omnium Amicorum meorum iij^s iiij^d. Et lego gilde Corporis Christi infra dictum Pontemfractum iij^s iiij^d. Item Conventui domus Fratrum Jacob' de Doncastre iij^s iiij^d. Item do & lego Agneti uxori mee durante vita sua omnia terras & tenementa mea sic quod post ejus decesum dicta terre & tenementa Reversione inter liberos meos sub forma inibi declaratur remaneant imperpetuum. Unde do insuper & volo quod tria tenementa principalia pariter annexa ex latere boriali in le strata vocata Ropergate infra villam dictam Pontisfracti ac omnium tenementorum

meorum propinquissime partibus orientalibus situata & inter tenementum quondam Johannis Swillington ex parte orientali & tenementum Prioris & Conventus domus S^ci Oswaldi ex parte occidentali edificata cum suis pertinenciis remaneant Johanni Illingworth filio meo & heredibus de corpore suo legitime procreatis cum una acra terre arabilis jacente super stret' furlang' ut in scriptis mihi inde confectis plenius continetur. Et volo quod alia tria tenementa ex ambabus partibus in le Ropergate situata quorum unum ex latere australi de dicta stata vocata Ropergate inter tenementum Johannis Flynt ex parte orientali & tenementum quondam Thome Baghill capellani ex parte occidentali jacet inde durante termino certo annorum ut per quedam scripta indentata facta inter Waltherum Bubwith capellanum & me plenius declaratur & apparebit & salva illius firma dicto Waltero & heredibus suis secundum vim formam dicti scripti indentati. Et cum aliis duobus tenementis quorum unum jacet ex australi latere de le Ropergate inter tenementum Ri^ci White ex parte orientali & tenementum pertinens servicio beate Marie infra Capellam Sancti Egidii apud Pontemfractum predictum Necnon et alterum inter tenementum Johannis Bisshop ex parte occidentali & gardenum Prioris & Conventus Sancti Oswaldi predicti ex parte orientali in boreali parte dicte strate le Ropergate jacet & una alia acra terre arabilis cujus unum dime-dium acre terre cum pertinenciis jacet in campo Sancti Thome inter terram Prioris & Conventus Sancti Johannis Apostoli de Pontefracto predicto ex utraque parte & finis inde borealis abuttat super viam Regiam que ducit de Pontefracto versus Ferybrig & aliud dime-dium acre terre arabilis jacet in quodam campo de dicto Pontefracto vocato Strete forlong inter terram predicti Prioris & Conventus Sancti Johannis Apostoli ex parte australi & terram Ro^bti Hunt ex parte boreali cum omnibus suis pertinenciis remaneant Ricardo filio meo & heredibus suis de corpore suo legitime procreatis. Et si contingat Ricardum filium meum presbiterari vel obire ante alium filium meum Johannem sine herede vel heredibus de corpore suo legitime procreatis Tunc volo quod omnia illa terre & tenementa sibi supradata cum omnibus pertinenciis suis remaneant predicto Johanni, fratri suo, & heredibus suis in forma superius data. Et si contingat Johannem filium meum alium ante Ricardum prefatum suum fratrem non essent nec proponent' esse presbiterum obire Tunc volo quod omnia illa terre & tenementa sibi supradata remaneant antedicto Ricardo, filio meo, & heredibus suis legitime procreatis. Ac si contingat & Ricardum & Johannem liberos meos ante Agnetem & Aliciamque Margaretam filias meas obire sine herede de corporibus suis procreato Tunc volo quod omnia illa terras & tenementa dividantur & tripartantur inter dictas filias meas heredesque suos de corporibus suis legitime procreandos. Et lego Johanne filie mee bastarde xiiij^s iiij^d. Item fratri meo Bernardo iij^s iiij^d. Ac eciam do & lego Agneti, filie mee, xl^s, Et Alicie filie mee xl^s, Et Margarete filie mee xl^s. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do & lego Agneti uxori mee quam hujus testamenti mei facio ordino & constituo meam executricem ad disponendum prout ipsa Deum pre oculis habens illud exequatur & fideliter compleat cum effectu. Hiis testibus, Thoma Claxton, Nic^ho Illingworth, Edmundo Bawney & aliis.

Proved 9th November, 1483. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 206d.)

WILL OF JOHN JACSON, SENIOR, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen, Die Sancti Leonardi Anno Domini Milmo cccclvij^o. Ego Johannes Jakson de Pontefracto senior compos mentis et sane memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti beate Marie et omnibus sanctis ejus, corpusque meum ad sepeliendum ubicumque Deus disposuerit. Item lego meum optimum Averium nomine mortuarii mei. Item lego summo Altari ecclesie parochialis Omnium Sanctorum Pontisfracti v^s. Item lego summo Altari ecclesie de Federston xij^d. Item lego in elemosinis pauperibus erogandis vj^s viij^d. Item lego Conventui Fratrum Pontisfracti unum quarterium brasii ordeacii. Item lego Gilde Corporis Christi ville Pontisfracti ij^s. Item lego ad emendum unum cereum ante Sepulcrum in die parasceve comburendum in ecclesia parochiali Pontisfracti xij^d. Item lego fabrice de le Rodelofte in ecclesia de Fetherston predicta xij^d. Item lego Wiłmo Whitede de Esthardwyk unam ulnam panni ruseti. Item lego communi pixidi ville Pontisfracti xx^s. Item volo quod Agnes uxor mea postquam debita mea integre persolvantur habeat terciam partem omnium bonorum. Et Residuum bonorum meorum quod remanet post legata in testamento meo contenta inter Johannam, Agnetem, Aliciam, Elizabeth, et Margaretam, filias meas equis porcionibus dividatur. Agnetem vero uxorem meam et Christoform filium meum meos ordino et constituo. Executores ad istud testamentum fideliter perimplendum. Christoform Horbery, Johannem Jakson filium meum & Wiłm Hoppey hujus testamenti mei constituo Supervisores. Hiis testibus, Johanne Wynter, Johanne Pullan, capellanis, Ričo Thwates de Stapilton, Wiłmo Hoppey, et aliis. Dat' die et anno supradictis.

No date of Probate. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 386d.)

WILL OF AGNES JAKESON, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen, vicesimo die mensis Septembris Anno Dñi Milmo cccclxij^o. Ego Agnes Jakson de Pontefracto vidua compos mentis & sane memorie egra tamen in corpore, mortis horam michi videns imminere condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti & beate Marie ejus genetrici ac omnibus celi civibus, corpusque meum sepeliendum (*sic*) in Cimiterio ecclesie parochialis de Pontefracto. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei unam vaccam. Item lego summo altari ecclesie parochialis predictae pro decimis & oblationibus omissis & oblitis xij^d. Item volo quod executor meus subscriptus deliberet & solvat iiij^{or} filiabus solutis nondum dispositis pro porcionibus suis canonicis de bonis Johannis Jakson viri mei patris earum defuncti, cuilibet earum per se decem marcas quas porciones idem Johannes vir meus, in meam custodiam posuit et Commisit. Item lego Johanni Jakson, filio meo meum optimum vas plumbum & meam optimam archam ac meum optimum caminum ferreum. Item lego Margarete Jakson, filie mee, unam vaccam. Item lego Ricardo Jakson, filio meo, aliam vaccam. Item lego duo quarteria frumenti previsend' et duo quarteria brasii pandoxand' expendend' et distribuend' inter pauperes die sepulture mee. Item lego fratribus ordinis Conventui predicatorum de

Pontefracto unum quarterium brasii ordeacii. Item lego Gilde Corporis Christi in Pontefracto xij^d. Item lego ad sustentacionem luminariis coram ymagine beate Marie virginis in capella Sancti Egidii Abbatis in Pontefracto xij^d. Item lego fabrice cujusdam capelle Sancti Egidii iij^s iij^d. Item lego Christofero Jakson, filio meo unum plaustrum ferro ligatum, unum caminum ferreum et unam cistam. Item lego cuilibet Capellano ad exequias meas ministranti iij^d. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum post debita mea plenarie persoluta et post expensas meas funerales solutas & factas de communi bonorum meorum capt' do & lego prefato Johanni Jakson filio meo, & eundem Johannem ordino facio & constituo executorem meum presentis testamenti mei sive ultime voluntatis, volens quod ipse predictum bonorum meorum residuum prout sibi melius videbitur expedire pro salute anime mee ordinet & disponat. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti testamento meo sive ultime voluntati sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Thoma Fysh, Xpofero Jakson, Wiłmo Strother & aliis. Dat' Pontefracto die mensis & Anno Domini supradictis.

Proved 13th January, 1463(4). (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 477.)

PROBATE ACT OF ROBERT JAKSON, OF EAST HARDWICK.

Probatum fuit testamentum Roberti Jakson, nuper de Esthardwike juxta Pontemfractum defuncti vicesimo die mensis Marcii Anno Domini Millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo sexto & commissa Administracio Georgio Jakson, filio et executori in eodem testamento nominato jurato in forma juris, Reservata potestate consimilem administracionem committendi Margarete, relicte ipsius defuncti alie coexecutrici in hujusmodi testamento nominate cum venerit recepture. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 345.)

WILL OF THOMAS JAKSON, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen, Primo die mensis Octobris Anno Domini Millesimo cccc^{mo} Sexagesimo nono, Ego Thomas Jakson de Pontefract, compos mentis et sane memorie eger tamen corpore condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Omnipotenti Deo et beate Marie virgini ejus genitrici ac omnibus celi civibus, Corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefract. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei unam vaccam. Item lego summo altari dicte ecclesie pro decimis et oblacionibus meis oblitis xij^d. Item lego Gilde Corporis Christi xij^d. Item lego Domino Wiłmo Wynk, capellano, xij^d. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum post debita mea plenarie soluta do et lego Cecilie uxori mee et Wiłmo Jakson, filio meo, Quosquidem Ceciliam et Wiłmum facio ordino et constituo meos executores, Et Johannem Merbek supervisorem, quatinus ipsi predictorum bonorum meorum Residuum prout eis melius videbitur expedire pro salute anime mee ordinent et disponant. Hiis testibus Wiłmo Wynk, Wiłmo Hill, et Thoma Spenser ac multis aliis. Dat' apud Pontemfractum die et Anno Domini supradictis.

Proved 12th October, 1469. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iv, 141.)

WILL OF WILLIAM JAKSON, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen, xiiij^{mo} die mensis Julii Anno Domini Millesimo cccc^{mo} lxxx^{mo} nono. Ego Willms Jakson de Pontefracto, compos mentis & sane memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis do & lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti beate Marie & omnibus sanctis ejus, Corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefracto. Item lego meum optimum equum nomine mortuarii mei. Item lego summo altari pro decimis meis oblitis iij^s iiij^d. Item servicio beate Marie in eadem ecclesia xij^d. Item lego Gilde Corporis Christi in eadem ecclesia xij^d. Item lego Roberto Helelay unum gestrum argentatum. Item lego Johanni Menete unam togam blodiam unam tunicam viridem de Worstede. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum do et lego Alicie uxori mee ad disponendum pro salute anime mee quamquidem Aliciam ordino & constituo meam executricem ad istud testamentum fideliter perimplendum. Hiis testibus Roberto Johnson, capellano, Johanne Huton, Willmo Milner, & aliis. Dat' die mense et Anno Domini supradictis.

Proved 7th November, 1489. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 367.)

ADMINISTRATION OF WILLIAM JOHNSON, OF KNOTTINGLEY.

Item xxij^{do} die mensis Octobris Anno Domini Millesimo cccc^{mo} Octogesimo secundo Commissa fuit Administracio omnium bonorum que fuerunt Willmi Johnson, nuper de Knottingley, parochie de Pontefracto ab intestato defuncti Ricardo Johnson, filio ejusdem defuncti auctoritate ordinaria deputato in forma juris jurato, etc. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 27d.)

WILL OF WILLIAM KARLELL, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen, Ego Willms Karlell de Pontefracto compos mentis & sanus memorie, die Jovis prox' ante festum S^ci Nichi Episcopi Anno Dñi Millesimo cccc^{mo} xxvij^o condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo & beate Marie & omnibus sanctis suis, et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum ville Pontisfracti. Item lego quatuor H cere comburendas circa corpus meum in die septimo & die sepulture mee. Item lego Thome Kyng, fratri de Pontefracto x^s ut ipse celebret pro me vel anima mea unum Gregory trentall. Item lego Willmo Talio^r de Madley meam togam viridem et xl^d argenti. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum do lego et Commendo Sissote uxori mee, Johanni filio meo, & Agneti uxore sue libere quiete et sine aliqui contradiccione. Et ad istam voluntatem meam predictam exequendum ordino facio et constituo meos Executores dictos Sissotam uxorem meam & Johannem filium meum. Dat' die & anno supradictis.

Probate granted 24th January, 1427(8) to Cecilia, executrix, power being reserved for the other. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 524d.)

ADMINISTRATION OF ROGER KYNG, OF PONTEFRACT.

Item, Primo die mensis Augusti Anno Domini Millesimo cccc^{mo} Sexagesimo sexto commissa fuit Administracio omnium bonorum que fuerunt Rogeri Kyng nuper de Pontefracto mere ab intestato defuncti Margarete, relicte et administratrici in bonis ejusdem defuncti Auctoritate ordinaria deputate jurate in forma juris. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iv, 265d.)

WILL OF ROBERT LATHUM, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen. Ego Robertus Lathum, corpore et mente sanus, laudes Deo, considerans temporalia & mundana vana fore & transitoria et dies seculi ut umbra declinans & quod homo cum in hiis corporeis vigeat membris ratio regit mentem quam rationem languor sepius invadit & obumbrat sic quod ratio ipsa propter languorem sibi subito illatum non solum temporalium sed etiam sui ipsius sepius obliviscatur. Hec et hiis similia in mente revolvens sciensque sine hesitatione in hujus vite termino ad illud inevitabile condicionis humane debitum de necessitate absque aliquo refugio pervenire condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti beate Marie matri sue & omnibus sanctis, Corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia Sancte Trinitatis in Pontefracto viz. ante altare Sancti Johannis Baptiste infra ecclesiam predictam. Item lego Thome Lathum, fratri meo, si me supervixerit iij^{li} vj^s viij^d & unam togam. Item lego Edmundo Lathum, fratri meo, si me supervixerit iij^{li} vj^s viij^d et unam togam. Item lego Issabelle Athirton, sorori mee, si me supervixerit xl^s. Item lego Elizabeth Fasakirlay, sorori mee, si me supervixerit xx^s. Item lego Thome Lathum juniore, filio fratris mei, si me supervixerit x^s. Item lego Riço Lathum, filio fratris mei, si me supervixerit x^s. Item lego Edwardo Lathum, filio fratris mei, x^s. Item lego Dño Johi Lathum, filio fratris mei, si me supervixerit x^s. Item lego Roberto Lathum, filio fratris mei, x^s. Item lego Edmundo Lathum, filio fratris mei, x^s. Item lego Hugoni Lathum, filio fratris mei, x^s. Item lego Georgio Lathum, filio fratris mei, x^s. Item lego Wiłmo Lathum, filio fratris mei, vj^s viij^d. Item lego Thome Holme, filio sororis mee, x^s. Item lego Elene Athirton, filie sororis mee, xx^s. Item lego Edwardo Haydoke vj^s viij^d. Item lego Dño Roberto Moxson, capellano, vj^s viij^d. Item lego Dño Jacobo Clapeham, Magistro domus Sçe Trinitatis de Pontefracto iij coclearia argentea et unum coopertorium de Taps-tre werk. Item lego M. Wiłmo Poteman meam optimam peciam stantem super pedem argenteum deauratum cum cooperculo ejusdem si me supervixerit. Item lego Johi Rither xx^s. Item lego Priorisse de Appleton domus de Appleton et Conventui ibidem exequias meas die decessus mei ac missam cum nota solempniter agentibus et preter in eisdem existentibus, viz. Priorisse iijj^s & unam amisiam & cuilibet monialium ejusdem ij^s ad orandum pro anima M. Johis Lathum et pro anima mea. Item lego Thome Carter, servienti meo xl^s. Item lego cuilibet sacerdoti domus Sçe Trinitatis de Pontefracto ad celebrandum solempniter cum nota exequias cum missa de requiem die obitas mei xij^d. Et Magistro dicte domus ij^s. Et clericis ejusdem domus campanas pulsantibus, cuilibet eorum iijj^d. Et

quilibet frater et soror ejusdem domus sive collegii predicti ad easdem exequias & missam existentes percipiet iiij^d. Item lego ecclesie parochiali de Pontefracto vj^s viij^d. Item lego Gilde Corporis Christi vj^s viij^d. Item lego uni presbitero per quatuor annos ad celebrandum pro animabus M. Johis Lathum et Roberti Lathum xvij^{li} xij^s iiij^d. Item lego Dño Simoni Palmer de Ebor xxvj^s viij^d & tria coclearia. Item lego Dño Roberto Cook de Pontefracto xxvj^s viij^d et tria coclearia. Item lego domui Sancte Trinitatis unam peciam argenteam in parte deauratam stantem super pedem cum cooperculo ejusdem. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do & lego Dño Simoni Palmer de Ebor' & Dño Roberto Cooke de Pontefracto quos constituo meos executores, et M. Willmum Poteman, supervisorem, ut ipsi ordinent et disponant pro salute anime mee et animabus parentum & omnium benefactorum meorum prout coram summo iudice volunt respondere. Item lego Elizabeth Lathum, filie Edmundi Lathum, x^s.

Probate granted 22nd January, 1489, to Dñs Robert Cook, chaplain, power being reserved for Dñs Simon Palmer, chaplain and co-executor. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 370.)

WILL OF JOHN LAYTWYS, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen, xij^o die mensis Septembris Anno Domini Millesimo Quadringentesimo Sexagesimo septimo. Ego Johannes Laytwys de Pontefracto, compos mentis et sane memorie eger tamen in corpore condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti beate Marie et omnibus sanctis, corpusque meum sepeliendum in cimiterio ecclesie parochialis Omnium Sanctorum in Pontefracto. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei meum optimum averium ut moris est. Item lego summo altari pro oblationibus et decimis negligenter omissis vel oblitis iij^s iiij^d. Item lego sex petras plumbi fabrice ecclesie predictae. Item lego unam tuellam de Twyll servicio beate Marie in ecclesia predicta. Item lego Gilde Corporis Christi unam tuellam de Twill. Item lego Vicario ecclesie predictae viij^d. Item lego Capellano parochiali vj^d. Et cuilibet presbitero ad exequias meas existenti iiij^d. Et duobus clericis parochialibus iiij^d. Item lego Capellano parochiali pro suo labore xij^d. Item lego Elizabeth filie mee omnia terras et tenementa mea in Pontefracto predicto, tenendum sibi & heredibus suis de corpore suo legitime procreatis imperpetuum. Et si contingat dictam Elizabeth absque heredibus de corpore suo legitime procreatis obire tunc volo quod omnia predicta terre et tenementa cum pertinenciis suis liberis fratri mei defuncti et eorum heredibus legitime procreatis integre remaneant. Et si contingat dictos liberos predicti fratris mei defuncti absque heredibus de corporibus suis legitime procreatis obire tunc volo quod omnia terre et tenementa vendantur et eorum precium in piis operibus pro salute anime mee et animarum parentum meorum defunctorum disponatur et inter pauperes distribuatur. Item lego Isabelle Barbo^r unam ollam eneam. Item lego matri uxoris mee iij^s iiij^d. Item lego Capellano celebranti in ecclesia predicta pro celebratione sua vij marcas. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do et lego Johanni Gyeslay et Thome Butler quos facio et constituo meos executores ut ipsi disponant pro salute anime mee

prout melius eis videbitur expedire. Hiis testibus, Domino Willmo Corby, Roberto Stansfeld, Nicho Grene, Johanne Braym et aliis. Dat' die et anno Domini supradictis.

Proved 6th December, 1467. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iv, 231d.)

WILL OF JOHN LESE, OF PONTEFRAC, CHAPLAIN.

In Dei nomine Amen, Vicesimo primo die mensis Aprilis Anno Dñi Milimo cccc^{mo} Octogesimo sexto. Ego Johannes Lese de Pontefract, capellanus, compos mentis & sane memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis do & lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, Corpusque meum sepeliendum in Capella Sçe Trinitatis Pontisfracti, juxta corpus matris mee. Item lego summo altari in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum Pontisfracti xij^d. Item lego Gilde Corporis Christi in eadem ecclesia xij^d. Item lego cuilibet presbitero in domo Fratrum iiii^d & cuilibet novicio ij^d. Item lego cuilibet fratrum meorum Capellano^rum infra domum nostram vj^d & magistro xij^d & cuilibet alio capellano ad exequias meas existenti iiii^d. Item lego domui Sçi Roberti juxta Knaresburgh xij^d. Item lego uxori Johannis Jene meam optimam togam cum capucio. Item lego uxori Nichi Elyngworth togam meam secundam cum capucio. Item lego Johanni Cobbe, capellano, meam sicam & unum par precularum de ambre. Item Willmo Wynk, capellano, 1 cocliar argenteum. Item lego Dño Petro Bek unum cocliar argenteum. Item Dño Johanni Osworth xij^d. Item lego uxori Jenkynson secund' pelvim & xiiij^s iiii^d. Item lego Riço Jene 1 prelum. Item lego Dño Johanni Carvar unum par precularum de l'aumbre. Item lego Dño Willmo Sharowe unum par precularum de Corall. Item lego Robto Moxson, capellano, 1 counto^r. Item lego Ricardo Jene pictos pannos pendentes in camera mea propria. Item lego Johanni Jene, filiolo meo, unam curtam togam. Item Willmo fratri suo, libros meos modulacionum & grammaticorum cum biblia picta. Item lego Dño Edmundo Bank unum parvum librum quem habui de Dño Johē Stutfeld & 1 quaternum incipient' for as much. Item uxori Jenkynson unum coopertorium lecti de rubio say. Item Domino Johanni Wylcok 1 par precularum de gagate. Item uxori Ricardi Jene meam terciam togam cum capicio. Item lego Katherine, commatri mee, meam quartam togam cum capucio. Item lego Robto Cooke, capellano unum nigrum mantellum & unum cocliar argenteum plicatum. Item lego predicte Katherine unum viride coopertorium, 1 fultrum, & vj^s viij^d. Item lego Nicho Elyngworth pictos pannos pendente in camera mea exteriori, 1 coopertorium lecti cum lignis & leonibus & optimum meum cervical. Item lego uxori Jenkynson lectum meum platum cum bolstero & unum candelabrum. Item uxori Johannis Jene chauffeum meum majorem. Item Dño Jacobo Clapeham, Magistro Domus nostre, cocliar meum optimum plicatum. Item lego Dño Johanni Burton unum cocliar argenteum & 1 coopertorium album. Item lego cuilibet filiolorum meorum iiii^d. Item lego Johanni Jene, filiolo meo, unum portiferium deliberandum sibi cum fuerit infra sacros ordines. Item filio Katherine predicte unum primarium cum psalmis de passione Christi. Item lego librario nostro quatuor libros majores quos habui de

vicario. Item uxori Riči Jene unum blodium coopertorium lecti. Item lego unum blodium tapetum dandum lectis pauperum. Item lego uxori Johannis Jene banquerum meum. Item Johanni Jene unam zonam de argentatam. Item lego Ričo Hudson loculum meum optimum & uxori sue unum annulum argenteum. Item Thome Cooke 1 par precularum de l'ambre cum annulo argenteo, unum coctiar, & meam nigram pugicam. Item Roſto Gellis unum annulum diversorum metallorum pro spasmate. Item lego Ricardo Jene unum Counto^r in camera mea inferiori. Item lego uxori Lambert de parco unum annulum aureum. Item lego Dño Henrico Brokden unum coctiar argenteum. Item lego uni presbitero celebraturo per unum annum integrum septem marcas. Item lego pro expensis meis funeralibus die sepulture mee xx^s & pro octavo die xl^s. Item lego pro Anniversario meo xxxij^s iij^d. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum do & lego Domino Johanni Burton, Ričo Jene, Ničo Elyngworth, & Elene Jenkynson ad disponendum bene & fideliter pro salute anime mee prout respondere voluerint coram Deo in die Judicii. Eisdem vero Joñem, Ričum, Ničum, & Elenam ordino & facio meos executores ad exequendum & complendum bene & fideliter hoc testamentum in forma predicta. Et lego cuilibet eorum quatuor pro suo labore vj^s vij^d. Item lego Dño Roſto Moxon unum coctiar argenteum. Item lego Roſto Cooke unum dalcum, & predictos Robertos Moxon & Cooke predicti testamenti supervisores constituo. In cujus rei, etc. Hiis testibus Johanne Jene seniore, Ricardo Hudson & aliis. Dat' die mense & Anno Domini supradictis.

Proved 4th June, 1486. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 284.)

PROBATE ACT OF HENRY LEVENTHORP, OF PONTEFRACT.

Probatum fuit testamentum Henrici Leventhorpp nuper de Pontefracto ab intestato defuncti xx^{mo} primo die mensis Novembris Anno Dñi Mil^{mo} cccc^{mo} septuagesimo primo. Et commissa Administracio Johanne, Relicte et executrici in eodem testamento nominato jurato, etc. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iv, 88.)

WILL OF JOHN LUPTON, OF PONTEFRACT, LITSTER.

In Dei nomine Amen, in crastino Sancti Luce Evangeliste Anno Domini Mil^{mo} cccc^{mo} septuagesimo primo. Ego Johannes Lupton de Pontefracto, lyster, corpore infirmus mente sanus videns finem vite mee appropinquare condo testamentum meum ac meam ultimam voluntatem in hunc modum. In primis do et lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti beate Marie et omnibus sanctis civibus celi, corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefracto. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei meum optimum plumbum. Item pro decimis oblitis xij^d. Item servicio Corporis Christi ville supradicte xx^d. Item servicio beate Marie in capella Sancti Egidii abbatis ij^s. Item ad emendacionem vie in Ropergate xij^d. Item Johanne Elyn iij^s iij^d et iij^s iij^d pro stipendio suo unam togam russett' unum plumbum cum coopertorio. Item lego Johanne filie mee vj libras sterlingorum bone et legalis monete anglicane ad usum suum

proprium quando venit ad plenam etatam recipiendas de Wiłlmo Ranald de Preston avo suo heredibus vel executoribus suis sine dilacione at fraude. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do et lego predictę Johanne filie mee ad supportandum et custodiendum se tempore suo juvenili, dictamque Johannam filiam meam et Wiłlhum Ranald ordino facio et constituo meos veros executores ut ordinent et disponant pro salute anime mee sicut velint respondere coram summo Iudice die Judicii. Et ordino Johannem Pullan, clericum, supervisorem, ad videndum et supervidendum omnia premissa facienda et terminanda, dictum que Johannem habebit pro labore suo, etc. Testibus Johē Bower, Robto Newton et aliis. Dat' die et anno Domini supradictis.

Probate granted 20th Nov., 1471, to William Ranald, power being reserved for Joan, the daughter under age. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iv, 88.)

WILL OF THOMAS LYNTERDE, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nōie Amen. The xviiith day of the monthe of July in the yere of our Lorde God a thowsand fyve hundreth and xvjth. I Thomas Lynyerde of Pontefract, of an holle mynd and remembrance, makes this my testamente and last Will in forme followyng. First I give my soull to Allmyghty God, to the gloriouse virgin our Lady Saynt Marie, and to all the fare company of heven and my body to be buryde in the parishe churche yerde of All hallowes in Pontefract, and my best good to be my mortuarie after the custom of the churche. Item I bequeath to the highe alter for tithes forgotten vj^s viij^d. Item to the service of Jhesu in the parishe churche of Pontefract xx^d. Item to the service of our Lady in the said churche xx^d. Item to the Freers of Pontefract for messe and dirige vj^s viij^d. Item to the ways whiche be moost nede aboute Pontefract iij^s iiij^d at the sight of Diones Awstwyk. Item to Thomas Bleisby a dublett of blewe chamblett. Item to William Blakey iij^s iiij^d. Item to Margaret Mouse my servant xx^d and to Margaret Hogon xvj^d. Item to Margaret Johnson xvj^d. The Residewe of all my goodes, my dettes paide my expenses maid the day of my buryall, I gyve theme freely to Margaret my wyffe, Richerd my son, and Elesabeth my doghter whom I ordeyn and make myn executors. In witnes heroffe, Sir John Nielsthorpe, parish preiste of Pontefract, Henry Howlgate, Percyvall Shepperde, Thomas Bleisby, with oder moo. Writtyn the day and yere aforsaide.

Proved 18th November, 1517. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ix, 54.)

ADMINISTRATION OF DIONISIUS MACHON, OF PONTEFRACT.

Item, Tercio die mensis Novembris Anno Dñi Miłlmo cccc^{mo} octogesimo sexto commissa fuit Administracio omnium bonorum que fuerunt Dionisii Machon, nuper de Pontefracto, piscatoris, ab intestato defuncti Roberto Michill de eadem, Administratori in bonis ejusdem defuncti auctoritate ordinaria deputato, in forma juris jurato. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 295.)

ADMINISTRATION OF RICHARD MORE, OF PONTEFRACT.

xiiij^o die mensis Julii Anno Dñi Milimo quingentesimo vicesimo tercio Administracio omnium bonorum que fuerunt Riçi More nuper de Pontefracto, Ebor' Dioc', ab intestato decedentis Jacobo Wilkokes de Rogerthorp commissa fuit juxta formam constitutionum legalium in hac parte editarum in forma juris jurato, etc. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ix, 270d.)

WILL OF RICHARD MORPEITH, OF PONTEFRACT.

In the name of God Amen, the eighte day of Auguste the yere of o^r Lorde God m^ldxxith, I Richarde Morpeith of Pontefract of hoole mynde maketh this my testament in maner folowyng. First I gif my saull to Almyghty God, o^r blissid lady Seynt Marie and to all the company in hevyn and my body to be beried within the parishe church of Pontefract, and my best beast to be my mortuary. Item I bequeath to the hie alter xij^d, to the service of o^r lady xij^d, to the Gilde of Corpus Christi viij^d. Item to the service of Jhesu viij^d, to Seynt Thomas alter viij^d. Item to byeng of alter cloth to the hie alter xij^d. Item to the Freres xij^d. Item I bequeath to Jenet Morpeith my wif al my lands & tenements within the feldes & townshippes of Pontefract, Carlton, & Tanehill duryng hir lif, and if she fortune to be with childe it to be my heres and to have all my lands & tenements abovesaide, and if she be not with childe that then after hir decesse al my howsses, burgays, within the towne and feldes of Pontefract with iiij acres land to go to Richard Kendaill to remane to hyme and his heres for ever, as it more playnly appereth in a deide, and after the decesse of my wif I gif all my copyhold land with a messuage as lieth in the towne and feldes of Karleton and Tanehill to the heres of John Morpeith, my brother, for ever, as it is gifyn into the handes of John Haulle afore Richard Thwaittes. The Residew of my goodes I gif them to Jenet my wif whome I make my executrix, and if she be with childe it to be executor with hir. In witnes herof, Sir John Nelstrobe, parishe preist of Pontefract, John Cooke, Johanne Haule, Richarde Thwaittes, Thomas Wrenell, and other moo.

Proved 4th October, 1521. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ix, 173d.)

WILL OF WILLIAM MURES, ALIAS PURSER, OF PONTEFRACT, ALDERMAN.

In the name of God, Amen, the iiij daye of Auguste in the yeare of o^r lord God m^lvcxxixth. I William Mures, oderwise called William Purser of Pomfrete, alderman, hole in mynde and good of remembrance, makes this my testamente and laste Will in maner and forme foloyng. Fyrst I commend my saule to the holie Trinitie, and to the blessed virgine Sainte Marie, and to all the Saintes in heven, and my bodie to be beryed within the parishe kyrke of All hallowes in Pomfrete of the sawthe side the gilde quere. Also I bequeathe to my mortuarie my beste beiste and my harnes of fre will to bee prayed for. Also I bequeathe to the highe Altare for forgoton tithes xij^d. Also to Jhesus gilde xij^d. Also to Sainte Thomas alter vj^d. Also to the parishe preiste to praye for me xij^d. Also I

bequeathe to the graye frears of Doncaster xx^d. Also to the Frears of Tikhill xx^d. Also I bequeathe to Agnes Illingworthe the daughter of John Illingworthe in house holde stuff at the sight of my executors and my Supervisors iiij marcs if she come to lawfull aide to bee married, and if she fortune to dye I will that she have nothyng. Also I bequeathe to Alice Smythe in peny and penyeworthe xxvj^s viij^d. Also I bequeathe to my suster daughter at Wyrsope a feder bedde, a bolster, a coveryng of rede saye, a paire of lyn sheites, and a baye mare and a foile. Also I bequeathe to every servant in my house viij^d. Also I bequeathe to Rauf Mures my cosing vj^s viij^d, and to Cristofer his broder vj^s viij^d. Also I bequeathe to Blynkynsoppe wyfe a mattres, ij coverlettes, a paire of sheites. Also I bequeathe to my suster in Shefelde a mattres, ij coverlettes, a paire of sheites. Also I bequeathe to the parishe church for an yearelie obite to bee done yearelie for my saule viij^s to be taken out of my house yearelie by the sight of my feoffes, or els thaye to sell it and bye so much lande to the valew of the said viij^s by the counsell of my wyfe. And also to the blacke Frears at Pomfrete for a yearelie obite v^s. Also I will the Vicare being present at my yearelie obite and saule messe shall have viij^d and the parishe preiste vj^d, the ladie preiste, gilde preiste, Jhesu preiste, and Saincte Thomas preiste, to everyone of theme iiij^d, and to ij clerks viij^d, to the belman ij^d. Item for iiij candles at my dirigie and saule messe vj^d, to the parishe preiste, the ladie preiste, and the gilde preiste of Saincte Giles chapell, to everyone of theme being at my saul messe and dirigie iiij^d, and to the clercke of Saincte Giles ij^d. Also I will that the iiij kirke maisters being at my obite and saule messe, ij of theme to offer an half-penye and th'oder ij an oder halfpenye of their owne purses, and everyone of theme to have for their labor iiij^d, and one of my saide feoffes to offer my hede messe penye, the residewe of the saide viij^s to be disposed in brede and aile to poore people. The Residew of my landes and goodes, my will fulfilled, I gif theme frelie to Eliz. my wyfe whome I ordane and make my executrix, M^r William Froste, M^r Walter Bradforthe Supervisors of my said Will, and ayther of theme to have for there labor x^s, that ys to saye xx^s in y^e hole. Provyded alwayes that yf the said Vicare or any of the said preistes or clerkes or kirke maisters bee absente at my obite or saule messe than I will that there partes bee disposed to poore people. Also I will that my said feoffes shall stande feoffed and seased in all my said tenements with th'appurtenances to the performation of my will as it apereth more planelie in a cedula annexed to my deide of feoffamente. Thyes being wittenes Lionel Roleston, Maior of Pomefrete, Robert Herryson, Thomas Smythe, Cristofer Casse, preiste, William Norton, Richard Wilbore, William Grene, and oder. Yeven the daie and yeare abovesaide.

Probate granted 6th July, 1530, to Elizabeth the relict, under Commission dated 2nd Dec., 1529. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ix, 472.)

WILL OF JOHN NICOLL, OF PONTEFRAC.

In Dei nomine Amen. Vicesimo octavo die mensis Junii Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo primo, Ego Johannes Nicoll de Ponte-

fracto compos mentis et sane memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis do et lego animam meo Deo Omnipotenti beate Marie matri ejus et omnibus sanctis, Corpusque meum sepeliendum in cimiterio ecclesie parochialis Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefracto. Item do et lego meam optimam rem Nomine mortuarii mei ut moris est. Item lego summo altari ejusdem ecclesie pro decimis meis oblitis vj^d. Item lego Priori et Conventui loci fratrum de Pontefracto viij^d. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum do et lego Alicie, uxori mee, quam ordino et constituo meam executricem ad disponendum pro salute anime mee. Hiis testibus, Johanne Watson, capellano, Leone Rolston et Willmo Gregson.

Proved 4th October, 1521. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ix, 178d.)

WILL OF ROBERT MARBERY, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen. Anno Domini Milmo cccc^{mo} In festo Sancti Romani Archiepiscopi, Ego Robertus Marbery de Pontefracto in hunc modum condo testamentum meum. In primis lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti & beate Marie & omnibus sanctis ejus, & corpus meum ad sepeliendum infra ecclesiam Fratrum Predicatorum ville Pontisfracti. Item lego pro mortuario meo meum equum optimum cum sella & freno sicut moris est. Item lego in cera comburenda circa corpus meum in die sepulture mee x^{li} cere quarum volo ut quinque libras sint ad ecclesiam parochialem ville Pontisfracti & iij libras sint ad fratres predicatorum Pontisfracti, & ij libras sint ad capellam S^ci Egidii Pontisfracti. Item lego vicario ecclesie Pontisfracti xij^d. Item lego cuilibet capellano venienti ad exequias meas iij^d. Item lego Fratribus Predicatoribus Pontisfracti pro duabus trentalibus missarum & ut veniant ad exequias meas x^s. Item lego residuum bonorum meorum omnium Mariorie uxori mee. Item constituo & ordino executricem meam Marioriam uxorem meam cum adiutorio Dⁿi Thome de Kellynglay, capellani, ut ipsi disponent & ordinent pro anima mea ut melius illis videretur expedire coram summo Iudice. Anno Domini ut supra.

Proved 22nd March, 1400. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iii, 54d.)

ADMINISTRATION OF ROBERT MARSHALL, OF PONTEFRACT.

Item, octavo die mensis Aprilis Anno Domini Millesimo Quadringentesimo Sexagesimo secundo Commissa fuit Administratio omnium bonorum que fuerunt Roberti Marsshall nuper de Pontefracto, Barker ab intestato defuncti Emmote, relicte ipsius defuncti, administratrici in bonis ejusdem, Auctoritate ordinaria deputate, jurate in forma juris. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 464.)

WILL OF WILLIAM MARTON, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen. xj^{mo} die mensis Febr. Anno Dⁿi Milmo cccc^{mo} lxxx^{mo} secundo. Ego Willms Marton de Pontefracto compos mentis & sane memorie tamen eger corpore condo testamentum meum in hunc

modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti & beate Marie matri sue ac omnibus sanctis celi civibus, Corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefracto predicta. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei meum equum Sellatum & frenatum. Item fabrice ecclesie de Pontefracto predictae iij^s iiij^d pro sepultura mea. Item Gilde Corporis Christi in eadem iij^s iiij^d. Item servicio beate Marie in eadem xij^d. Item servicio beate Marie in capella Sancti Egidii xij^d. Item matri mee vj^s viij^d. Item Coquine Fratrum Predicatorum in eadem villa xij^d. Item lego Fratribus Minoribus Doncastre xij^d. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do & lego Alicie, uxori mee quam facio & constituo meam executricem ac Thomam Claxton, capellanum, & Nichum Elyngworth supervisores hujus testamenti mei, & utrique eorum pro suo labore lego xij^d. Hiis testibus, Thoma Claxton, capellano, Nicho Elyngworth, Radulpho Hoghton & aliis.

Proved 4th March, 1482. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 41.)

WILL OF JOHN MEDLAY, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen, viij^o die mensis Junii Anno Domini Millesimo cccc^{mo} Sexagesimo secundo, Ego Johannes Medlay de Pontefracto corpore infirmus et mente sanus condo ordino et facio testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti beate Marie et omnibus sanctis, corpusque meum ad sepeliendum infra ecclesiam Omnium Sanctorum ville Pontisfracti. Item lego optimum equum nomine mortuarii mei. Item summo altari ecclesie supradicte pro decimis meis oblitis j hole cors de Whitharnes. Item vj^{li} cere ad comburendum circa corpus meum die obitus mei et in meis exequiis. Item vicario et omnibus aliis capellanis venientibus ad exequias, cuilibet eorum, iiij^d. Item Riço, fratri meo, meam optimam togam penulatam. Item Johanni Medlay de London meum optimum Sparum ornatum cum argento et le perle. Item meo dilectissimo fratri Priori de Beveill unum pare bedarum de awmbre. Item Johanne filie Wiłmi Medlay in pecunia vj^s viij^d, vel bona ad valorem vj^s viij^d. Et fabrice ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum ville supradicte iij^s iiij^d. Item Johanni Pullayn et Wiłmo Wynke, capellanis, quinque solidos. Et volo quod Fratres aut Custodes fraternitatis Corporis Christi ville supradicte habeant imperpetuum secundum consuetudinem Manerii et prout jus dicte terre exigit et requirit et non aliter post decessum meum tenementum meum situatum in Pontefracto in quo Wiłmus Candy inhabitat. Item volo quod Agnes, uxor mea, habeat post decessum meum novum meum mesuagium aut burgagium sicut situatum est in novo foro inter mesuagium Thome le More ex una parte et Mesuagium Stephani Hudson ex altera parte secundum vim verborum superius predictorum et non aliter durante vita dicte Agnetis. Et post decessum dicte Agnetis uxoris mee volo quod predictum tenementum cum suis pertinenciis remaneat et revertatur ad opus usum proficuum omnium puerorum meorum imperpetuum. Item volo quod omnia terre et tenementa redditus et servisia cum suis pertinenciis que habeo in villis et territoriis Pontisfracti, Preston Jakelyn, et Wragby vel alibi infra Com. Ebor remaneant et revertantur ad opus usum et proficuum dictorum omnium

puerorum meorum imperpetuum. Residuum vero omnium bonorum non legatorum do et lego Agneti uxori mee et Johanni Medlay de London consanguineo meo. Et eosdem constituo executores meos ut disponant prout melius viderint expedire pro anima mea cum auxiliacione et supportacione dilectissimi Fratris mei Prioris de Bevall. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti testamento meo sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Johanne Pullan, Riço Medlay, Johanne Potter et aliis. Dat' die loco et anno supradictis.

Probate granted 14th August, 1462, to Agnes the relict, power being reserved for John Medlay, co-executor. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 471.)

ADMINISTRATION OF JOHN MEREBEK, OF PONTEFRACT.

Item, vicesimo quarto die mensis Julii Anno Dñi Mil^{mo} cccc^{mo} lxx^{mo} sexto Commissa fuit Administracio omnium bonorum que fuerunt Johannis Merebek nuper de Pontefracto ab intestato defuncti Dño Johanni Merebek, capellano, administratori in bonis ejusdem auctoritate ordinaria, &c. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iv, 93d.)

ADMINISTRATION OF JOHN METHLEY, OF PONTEFRACT.

Item xxiiij^o die mensis Septembris Anno Dñi M^o cccc^{mo} xxvij^o Commissa fuit Administracio bonorum Johannis Methley de Pontefracto Intestati defuncti Thome Methley, fratri suo & Wiłlo Thorneton de eadem administratoribus in eisdem bonis auctoritate ordinaria deputatis & juratis in forma juris, Reservata potestate consimilem administracionem committendi Katerine, relicte ipsius defuncti cum venerit eam in forma juris receptura. Et subsequenter dicti duo ministratores propter bonorum exilitatem dimissi sunt a compoto reddendo. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 516.)

WILL OF ROBERT METHLAY, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine xvij^{to} die mensis Aprilis Anno Domini Mil^{mo} cccc^{mo} xliij^{mo}. Ego Roßtus Methlay de Pontefracto, piscar', compos mentis & sane memorie infirmitate tamen preacuta juxta divinam disposicionem graviter vexatus, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti & beate Marie genitrici & omnibus celi civibus, Corpusque meum sepeliendum infra ecclesiam parochialem Omnium Sanctorum ville Pontisfracti. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei meum optimum equum cum omnibus ornamentis requisitis ut moris est. Item lego xij^{li} cere comburend' circa corpus meum die sepulture mee & die octavo. Item lego Vicario ecclesie predictæ pro exequiis meis xij^d. Item lego Domino Thome Kepax xij^d et Domino Thome Chaloner, capellano, viij^d pro eisdem exequiis, & singulis aliis ad easdem ministrantibus vj^d et singulis clericis parochialibus pro exequiis & pulsacione iiij^d. Item lego fabrice ecclesie parochialis predictæ pro sepultura mea vjs viij^d. Et lego utrique servicio beate Marie ville predictæ singulariter per se ijs iiij^d. Et lego Gilde Corporis Christi ibidem ijs iiij^d. Item lego fabrice Capelle Sancti Egidii xx^d et lego presbiteris Capelle Sancte Trinitatis pro exequiis

meis predictis iij^s iiij^d. Item lego Fratribus ordinis Predicatorum de Pontefracto pro eisdem exequiis vj^s viij^d. Item lego Johanni Methlay, filio meo seniori totale incrementum porcionis mee viginti libras quas simul habemus in mercimoniis videlicet in vino & aliis. Ita tamen quod idem Johannes michi vel executoribus meis de predictis xx^{li} fidele reddat compositum si de manibus debitorum possint recuperari. Item lego Thome Methley filio meo canonico v marcas. Item lego Johanni filio meo juniore quinque marcas. Item lego Wiłmo filio xx^s ac etiam omnes equos meos preter unum pro meo principali ut premittitur cum omnibus sellis frenis capistriis & alii convenientibus. Item lego Thome, filio predicti Wiłmi vj^s viij^d. Item lego Ričo filio meo v marcas. Item lego Henrico, filio Wiłmi Carlton xl^s. Item lego Thome Methley piscar' vj^s viij^d. Item lego Johanni Methlay fratri meo meam togam viridem penulatam & meam optimam zonam cum gestro meo de argento. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum post debita mea plenarie soluta & de integro bonorum meorum sumpta libere do & lego Margarete uxori mee & Johanni filio meo seniori quos quidem Margaretam & Johannem ordino & constituo presentis testamenti mei executores ut ipsi predictum bonorum meorum residuum pro salute anime mee prout melius viderint ordinent & disponant. Supervisores vero istius voluntatis mee ut in omnibus fideliter agatur ordino & facio Thomam Methlay filium meum canonicum et Johannem Methlay fratrem meum. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti testamento meo sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Thoma Chaloner, Thoma Kepax, capellanis, Johanne Fenay & aliis. Dat' apud Pontemfractum die & Anno Domini supradictis.

Proved 8th May, 1443. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 59d.)

WILL OF JOAN, WIFE OF THOMAS MORE, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen. Quartodecimo die mensis Novembris Anno Domini Millesimo quadringentesimo quadagesimo septimo. Ego Johanna uxor Thome More de Pontefracto sane memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis do & lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, &c., corpusque meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefracto. Item lego fabrice predicte ecclesie pro sepultura mea vj^s viij^d. Item lego xij^{elm} libras cere ad comburendum circa corpus meum die sepulture mee. Item lego pro mortuario meo maximum ciphum murreum. Item lego fabrice capelle Sancti Egidii v^s. Item do & lego summo altari ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum unam mappam cum manutergio. Item lego Altari beate Marie predicte ecclesie unam mappam cum manutergio. Item summo altari capelle Sancti Egidii unam mappam cum manutergio. Item lego servicio beate Marie ejusdem capelle ij^s. Item Gilde corporis Christi iij^s iiij^d. Item fabrice ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum iij^s iiij^d. Item lego Rectori pro decimis oblitis iij^s iiij^d. Item lego Priori & Conventui domus Sancti Johannis de Pontefracto pro exequiis vj^s viij^d. Item lego Collegio Sancte Trinitatis pro exequiis iij^s iiij^d. Item lego Fratribus Predicatoribus ejusdem ville vj^s viij^d & pro exequiis iij^s iiij^d. Item lego vicario Pontisfracti viij^d. Item duobus capellanis parochialibus xij^d. Item cuilibet capellano venienti ad exequias iiij^d.

Item tribus clericis parochialibus vj^d. Item cuilibet clerico venienti ad exequias cum superpellicio j^d. Item lego Anacorage capelle Sancte Elene ij^s. Item lego Fratribus Sancti Roberti juxta Knaresburgh ij^s. Item lego triginta & sex ulnas de Russett ad distribuendum inter pauperes. Item lego quatuor hominibus portantibus corpus meum ad ecclesiam parochialem xvj^d. Item lego Thome de More marito meo optimum ciphum murre. Item Ricardo filio meo secundum ciphum murre. Item Thome filio meo tercium ciphum murre. Item lego Wilmo Methelay xij^s iij^d. Item lego Thome filio meo x marcas & in pecunia & in aliis rebus. Item lego Alicie, servienti mee, unam ollam eneam cum uno posnett. Item lego Margarete, servienti mee, unam ollam eneam. Item lego Agneti filie Johannis Yorke nuper defuncti, unam ollam eneam. Item lego Isabelle, filie uxoris Johannis Baker, unam ollam eneam. Item condono Agneti Shelton omnia debita per ipsam michi debita. Hujus autem testamenti mei executorem disponentem, et administratorem ordino & constituo dictum Thomam, maritum meum ut ipse pro me & omnibus bonis seu rebus me qualitercunque concernentibus sicut voluerit me desiderare pro ipso & rebus suis ministrare si consimili casu vel morbo teneretur. Hiis testibus, Johanna Stubbes & Johanna Herrison de Pontefract & aliis. Dat' die & anno Domini supradictis.

Probate granted 29th March, 1448, to the said Thomas More the executor. A further lengthy note in Latin mentions that on the 14th March, 1447(8), in the Chapel of St Giles in Pontefract, the 2 witnesses, Joan Stubbes, wife of W^m Stubbes, and Joan Herrison, widow, both of Pontefract, were examined as to the above will, when they gave evidence as to its nuncupative character, and the deceased's knowledge and wish. Also Robert Couper, chaplain, of York, who had administered the sacrament of Extreme Unction to the deceased, affirmed that she openly declared that Richard Roper her son was indebted to her in 22 marks, which the said Richard admitted and promised to pay. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 169d.)

WILL OF RICHARD MORE, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen. Primo die mensis Februarii Anno Domini Milimo cccc^{mo} quinquagesimo secundo, Ego Ricardus More de Pontefract compos mentis et sane memorie eger tamen in corpore condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti beate Marie et omnibus sanctis ejus, corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum Pontisfracti. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei meum optimum Morterium eneam. Item lego summo altari in ecclesia parochiali pro decimis oblitis iij^s iij^d. Item lego fabrice predicte ecclesie pro sepultura mea iij^s iij^d. Item lego Fratribus Predicatoribus Pontisfracti vj^s viij^d. Item lego servicio beate Marie in ecclesia parochiali Pontisfracti xx^d. Item lego servicio beate Marie in capella Sancti Egidii xx^d. Item lego Gilde Corporis Christi iij^s iij^d. Item lego capelle beate Marie Magdalene de Shrewesbury iij^s iij^d. Item lego Thome More filio meo meam optimam zonam cum sparo et aliud morterium eneam. Residuum omnium bonorum superius non legatorum do et lego Alicie uxori mee quam ordino et constituo meam

executricem et Thomam filium meum supervisorem ut ipsi ordinent et disponant pro salute anime mee prout eis melius videbitur expedire. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti testamento meo sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Wilhmo Shaw, Wilhmo Patrik et Stephano Hudson & aliis. Dat' apud Pontemfractum die et anno Domini supradictis.

Proved 8th March, 1452. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 266.)

WILL OF ROBERT NEWALL, OF PONTEFRACT, CHAPLAIN OF
THE CASTLE.

In Dei nomine Amen. Decimo octavo die mensis Octobris, Anno Dñi Milmo cccc^{mo} septuagesimo primo, Ego Robertus Newall, capellanus castri ville Pontisfracti compos mentis et sane memorie eger tamen corpore videns mortis horam michi evenire condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti beate Marie virgini ejus genetrici ac omnibus celi civibus, Corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum ville Pontisfracti. Item lego servicio beate Marie unum apiarium. Item lego Gilde Corporis Christi alium apiarium. Item lego servicio beate Marie in capella Sancti Egidii Abbatis unum apiarium. Item lego Alicie, servienti Johannis Porter, unum superpelectum. Item lego Katerine Newall et Alicie Newall, filiabus Ricardi Newall de Otelay, utrique eorum unum superpelectum. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum superius post debita mea soluta et expen' funerales perimpletos do et lego Roberto White et Thome Rawson, capellanis, quos ordino et constituo executores presentis testamenti ut disponant pro salute anime mee sicut eis melius videbitur expedire. Hiis testibus, Johanne Talyour, Wilhmo Crispyñ & aliis. Dat' die & anno Domini supradictis.

Proved 30th October, 1471. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iv, 33.)

WILL OF THOMAS NEWTON, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen, xxiiij^{cto} die mensis Octobris Anno Dñi Millesimo cccc^{mo} octogesimo sex. Ego Thomas Newton de Pontefracto, milner, compos mentis & sane memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego et commendo animam meam Deo Omnipotenti beatissime Marie Virgini ejus genetrici ac omnibus celi civibus Corpusque meum sepeliendum in Cimiterio ecclesie mee parochialis Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefracto. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei optimum meum animal prout moris est. Item summo altari pro decimis meis oblitis xij^d. Item servicio beate Marie xij^d. Item Gilde Corporis Christi xij^d. Item servicio beate Marie in ecclesia Sancti Egidii xij^d. Item Gilde Corporis Christi in eadem ecclesia xij^d. Item Gilde Domui Fratrum ville Pontisfracti ij^s vj^d. Item do & lego ac volo quod Johannes, filius meus habeat pro integra sua parte bonorum meorum ij togas duas tunicas cum ij par' caligarum. Item eidem Johanni arcum meum cum sagittis. Item dicto Johanni j ambuling stag cum j gestro deargentato. Insuper volo quod predictum gestrum sit in custodia Agnetis uxoris mee quousque ipse habeat discrecionem illud regendi. Item do & lego Alicie filie mee domum meam

cum gardino prout jacet in villa Pontisfracti. Item lego eidem Alicie meum molendinum infra predictam domum meam existent' cum omnibus predicto molendino pertinenciis ac zona argentea. Item lego uxori Jarot parand' quinque modios brasii. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do & lego Agneti uxori mee & eam ordino & facio meam executricem ut illa provideat ac debita mea solvat & bona mea dividat & disponat pro salute anime mee veluti respondere voluerit coram summo iudice in die iudicii. Hiis testibus M. Fryston, Curatore meo, Thoma Blenkynsop, Riço Rysshworth, Johanne Sutcliff & aliis.

Proved 21st November, 1486. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 295.)

ADMINISTRATION OF SIR ROBERT NOBLE, OF PONTEFRACT, CHAPLAIN.

Item, Decimo die mensis Julii Anno Dñi Mil^{mo} cccc^{mo} Octogesimo secundo Commissa fuit Administracio omnium bonorum que fuerunt Dñi Roberti Noble, nuper de Pontefract, capellani infra hospitale Sancti Nichi ibidem decedentis Dño Johanni Tailor de Pontefract predicto, capellano, Administratori in bonis ejusdem defuncti auctoritate ordinaria deputato, jurato in forma juris. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 66.)

WILL OF WILLIAM DE NORTHFOLK, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen, xxj^o die mensis Aprilis Anno Dñi Mil^{mo} cccc^{mo} primo. Ego Willms de Northfolk de Pontefract, compos mentis condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego & recomendo animam meam Deo Omnipotenti beatissime que virgini Marie, matri sue, et omnibus civibus celi, & corpus meum sepeliendum fore in ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefract juxta tumulum Alicie, quondam uxoris mee. Item lego pro mortuario meo meum equum cum harnasio ut moris est. Item lego in cera comburenda circa corpus meum die exequiarum mearum & in die obitus mei septem libras cere. Item lego in expensis funerariis et in convocacione vicinorum et amicorum diebus exequiarum mearum et obitus mei xl^s. Item lego vicario ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefract xl^d. Item lego capellano parochiali ejusdem ecclesie xij^d. Item lego cuilibet capellano seculari venienti ad exequias meas iij^d & cuilibet clerico parochiali ibidem ministranti ij^d. Item lego capellano parochiali capelle Scti Egidii de Pontefract vj^d. Item lego summo altari dicte ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum pro decimis meis detentis & oblitis ij^s. Item lego fabrice ejusdem ecclesie pro sepultura mea ibidem adhibenda vij^s quos prestiti ad novum opus ibidem. Item lego Gilde Corporis Christi de Pontefract ij^s ultra debitum consuetum. Item lego Fratribus Predicatoribus de Pontefract ij^s. Item Fratribus ejusdem ordinis de Ebor' xij^d. Item lego Fratribus ordinis Sancti Augustini de Tykhill xij^d. Item lego ad reparacionem et emendacionem calceti juxta Fery xij^d. Item lego ad sustentacionem luminis Gilde beati Thome Loncastre xij^d. Item lego ad emendacionem vie infra moram de Preston versus puteos carbonum ij^s. Item lego ad construendum unam crucem lapideam ponendam ubi crux lingneus stat versus montem beati Thome juxta viam ducentem versus Bongate x solidos. Residuum vero omnium

bonorum superius non legatorum debitis meis primitus persolutis et mea ultima voluntate in omnibus perimpleta do & lego Matilde uxori mee ut ipsa inde ordinet et disponat prout sibi melius videbitur oportunius, eandemque Matildam ac Johannem de Stretton et Wiłm Spicer, capellanos, meos facio ordino et constituo executores ut ipsi Deum pre oculis habentes presens testamentum fideliter exequantur et compleant cum effectu, & necnon insuper ego predictus Wiłs de Northfolk prohibeo in nomine Dei quod ne quis gravet molestet in aliquo implacitet nec perturbet executores meos predictos nec aliquem eorum pro aliquibus supralegatis quousque iidem executores mei eadem legata de debitis meis suscitari poterunt et levare. In cujus rei testimonium huic testamento meo sigillum meum apposui. Dat' apud Pontemfractum die et anno supradictis.

Probate granted 4th July, 1401, to Matilda, the wife, power being reserved for the other Executors. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iii, 61.)

WILL OF JOHN OLYVER, OF PONTEFRAC.

In Dei nomine Amen. Ego Johannes Olyver, ville Pontisfracti, mercenarius, sexto die mensis Julii Anno Dñi Millesimo cccc^{mo} octogesimo secundo compos mentis & sane memorie eger tamen corpore condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, beate Marie virgini ejus genetrici, & omnibus celi civibus, Corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum ville Pontisfracti. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei meum optimum equum cum freno & sella. Item lego summo altari in ecclesia predicta unam flammearum ulna longam de ly Nyffilis. Insuper lego Gilde Corporis Christi aliam flammearum ejusdem panni & longitudinis. Item lego altari beate Marie in eadem ecclesia duas ulnas utraque valente xij^d. Item altari beate Marie in capella Sancti Egidii duas ulnas panni linii utraque valente x^d. Item Fratri meo capellano xx^s, Johanni, fratri meo, xx^s, & Wiłmo, fratri meo, xxvj^s viij^d. Item Margarete Geyffe vj^s viij^d. Johanne White vj^s viij^d, Margarete Newsom vj^s viij^d, Alicie Wilkok vj^s viij^d. Insuper lego Agneti uxori Ricardi White unum monile deauratum. Et Preciose Hudson, uxori Stephani Hudson, argentum fractum in sabina cum formacula connodat' & involut'. Item lego duobus me custodientibus conjunctim duas ulnas panni linii utraque valente v^d & Christofero Hesam quandam remanenciam panni linii. Et ecclesie parochiali de Stafford unam ulnam de Damask. Item lego cuilibet quem de sacro fonte levavi xij^d. Et omnibus servientibus predictorum Ricardi White ac Stephani Hudson xij^d. Insuper et si contingat aliquem fratrum meorum predictorum obire antequam predictae pecunie eis deliberentur tunc volo quod pecunie predictae reddantur ecclesie parochiali de Stafford predictae. Item lego Alicie, famule Christoferi Jakson, iij^s iij^d. Item Johanne filie Christoferi Jakson, unam murram, et Mariorie, sorori ejusdem Johanne iij^{or} coclearia argentea, et Christofero prefato duo coclearia argentea. Item lego Christofero predicto arma vestimenta mea ceteraque utensilia sibi necessaria que infra domum predicti Christoferi Jakson continetur. Residuum, &c., do & lego Ricardo White, Stephano Hudson, Wiłmo

Marton, et Willmo Sadler, Quos quidem ordino facio & constituo meos executores ac Will^m Wynke, capellanum, & Christoferum Hesam. Supervisores ordino & facio ut ipsi ⁱⁱⁱ^{or} prefati executores ordinent & disponant pro saluta anime mee prout eis melius videbitur expedire. Hiis testibus, Willmo Jakson, mercenario, Christofero Iconomo, Christofero Jakson, pannario & alijs.

Proved 22nd August, 1482. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 70d.)

WILL OF RICHARD OSTELER, OF PONTEFRACT, MERCER.

In Dei nomine Amen. Quarto die mensis Julii Anno Dñi Mil^lio cccc^{mo} lxxx^{mo} secundo. Ego Ricardus Osteler de Pontefract, mercer, compos mentis & sane memorie eger tamen corpore condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego & commendo animam meam Deo Omnipotenti beate Marie gloriose ejus genetrici, totique celesti curie, Corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum ville Pontisfracti. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei prout moris est. Item lego summo altari in ecclesia predicta pro decimis & oblacionibus meis oblitis vj^s viij^d. Item lego Fabrice ecclesie predictae pro sepultura mea iij^s iiij^d. Item lego Priori & Conventui domus Sancti Johannis Apostoli & Evangeliste pro meis exequiis & missa xx^s. Item lego Magistro et Capellanis Domus Sancte Trinitatis Pontisfracti pro exequiis & missa meis vj^s viij^d. Item lego Priori & Conventui Fratrum Predicatorum Pontisfracti pro exequiis & missa meis vj^s viij^d. Item lego Fabrice Capelle Sancti Egidii Pontisfracti vj^s viij^d. Item lego servico beate Marie in eadem capella iij^s iiij^d. Item lego Priorisse & Conventui monialium de Hampoll pro exequiis & missa meis vj^s viij^d. Item lego sorori mee moniali xl^s. Item do & lego post decessum meum Domui Sancte Trinitatis Pontisfracti duo tenementa mea similiter situata in le Bondegate cum dimidia acra terre ibidem jacente pro perpetuo & annuo obitu pro anima mea & animabus Johanne & Alicie uxorum mearum ac pro animabus omnium benefactorum meorum. Item lego iij^{bz} mulieribus me in infirmitate mea custodientibus cuilibet earum vj^s viij^d. Item lego Johanni, filio Nichi Rawlynson (*omission*). Item lego Johanne Rawlynson vj^s viij^d. Item lego uxori Willi Rawlynson xl^s. Item Riço Rawlynson xij^s iiij^d. Item lego Mariorie Cooke iij^s iiij^d. Item lego Stephano Hudson & Robto Austewik quos ordino & constituo meos executores pro suo fideli labore circa execucionem testamenti mei utrique eorum xx^s. Item lego Thome Rawson meo supervisorì xx^s. Item lego Anachorite Pontisfracti vj^s viij^d. Item lego famule matris mee iij^s iiij^d. Item lego Margarete Michell iij^s iiij^d. Item Alicie Fisser iij^s iiij^d. Item lego Margarete Jevè iij^s iiij^d. Residuum vero bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do et lego Johanne uxori mee & Elene filie mee, Stephano Hudson & Roberto Austewyk quos hujus ultime mee voluntatis ordino & constituo meos executores ac ministros ut ipsi disponant pro salute anime mee prout eis melius videbitur expedire & hoc per supervisum Thome Rawson capellani. Et si contingat predictam Johannam uxorem meam & Elenam filiam meam obire quod absit volo quod predicti Stephanus Hudson & Robertus Austewyk disponant bona

mea pro salute anime mee & omnium benefactorum meorum optimo modo quo sciverint & hoc per supervisum Thome Rawson, capellani predicti. In cujus rei, &c. Hiis testibus, Wiłmo Wynke, capellano, Christofero More, Johanne Jefe & aliis.

Probate granted 1st August, 1482, to Joan, the relict, Stephen Hudson, and Robert Austewyk, power being reserved for the other co-executrix. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, v, 69.)

WILL OF JOAN PARCOUR OF PONTEFRACT, WIDOW.

In Dei nomine, Amen, septimo die mensis Augusti Anno Domini Millesimo cccc^{mo} septuagesimo primo. Ego Johanna Parcour de Pontefract vidua, sana mente et bona memoria existens, et videns periculum mortis venire et finem vite appropinquare condo ordino et facio testamentum in hunc modum ac meam ultimam voluntatem. In primis do et lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti beate Marie virgini omnibusque civibus celi, et corpus meum sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum de Pontefract. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei meum optimum animal in custodia Johannis Storor de Allerton juxta Castelford. Item lego summo altari ecclesie supradicte pro decimis et oblacionibus meis negligenter oblitis xij^d. Item lego Elene Sokburn unam togam coloris de murray cum uno pari sotularum. Item volo quod magna Agnes habeat quolibet anno x^d argenti durante termino dicte Agnetis vite de firma tenementi nuper in tenemento Cristiane Halyday. Item lego Katerine filie mee unam zonam argenteam usque ad terminum vite sue. Et post ejus decessum dicta zona ad usum et proficuum beate Marie virginis in ecclesia parochiali ville Pontisfracti et capelle Sancti Egidii Abbatiss ville supradicte remaneat imperpetuum. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum do et lego Thome filio meo et Ricardo Pell fratri meo ad supportandum se et filios meos libere integre et quiete sine diminucione aliquali, debitis meis primitus persolutis, dictosque Thomam et Ricardum ordino facio et constituo meos veros executores ut disponant pro anima mea secundum formam testamenti mei sicut coram Deo respondere voluerint cum supportacione et auxiliacione Johannis Pullan, capellani. Hiis testibus, Johanne Storor, Wiłmo Weston & aliis. Dat' die et anno Dñi supradictis.

Proved 23rd April, 1472. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iv, 25d.)

WILL OF JOHN PEROTT, OF PONTEFRACT, CHAPLAIN.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Penultimo die mensis Februarii Anno Domini M^occcc^{mo}xxix^o. Ego Johannes Perott, capellanus compos mentis condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti, beate Marie, & omnibus sanctis & corpus meum ad sepeliendum in capella beate Marie in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum Pontisfracti. Item lego servicio beate Marie Virginis ciphum argenteum & optimam togam penulatam cum capucio rubeo. Item lego Gilde Corporis Christi in ecclesia predicta unam blodiam togam optimam cum capucio rubeo. Item patri meo j togam russetam cum capucio viridi, j armilausam, ij optima linthiamina, ij lodices & xx^s in manu Johannis

Staynton de Birton. Item Wiſſo Wakefeld j zonam argenteam rubei coloris & vj cocliaria argentea optima. Item lego collegio Sancte Trinitatis Pontisfracti sex alia cocliaria argentea. Item lego Wiſſo, fratri meo, unam togam viridem cum capucio blodio. Item Thome Perott, filio sororis meo, xl^d. Item lego Domino Johanni Wyles j psalterium. Item Dño Johanni Hyrst aliud psalterium. Residuum bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do & lego Magistro Johanni Coln, Rectori de Methlay, Johanni Cudworth, Magistro domus Sancte Trinitatis Pontisfracti, Dño Johi Hyrst, capellano & Johi Bubbewith de Pontefracto, quos facio & constituo Executores meos ut ipsi disponant et ordinent pro anima mea prout viderint melius expedire. Hiis testibus Magistro Johanne Thornton quem ordino supervisorem istius testamenti, Johanne Pontfreyt, capellano, Joſe Turnour & aliis.

Probate granted 4th May, 1430, to Dñs John Hirst, chaplain, power being reserved for the other executors. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, ii, 668d.)

WILL OF ROBERT PLUGHMAN, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen, Die Jovis, xvij^o die Februarii Anno Dñi Mil^{mo} cccc^{mo} quarto Ego Robertus Plughman de Pontefracto, pelliparius, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego & commendo animam meam Deo Omnipotenti & beate Marie virgini & omnibus sanctis ejus ac corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum ville Pontisfracti cum meo meliori equo nomine mortuarii. Item lego fabrice novi operis ecclesie predictae xx^s. Item lego summo altari ecclesie predictae iij^s iiij^d. Item lego fratribus predicatoribus ejusdem ville iij^s iiij^d. Item lego emendacioni vie de Bondgate ij^s. Item lego cuilibet presbitero venienti ad exequias meas in die obitus mei ij^d. Item lego Vicario ecclesie predictae ejusdem ville iiij^d. Item lego Wiſſo filio meo xl^s. Item lego Robto, filio meo, xx^s. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum do & lego Johanni Haliday de Acworth & Johanni filio meo, ut ipsi disponant & ordinent pro anima mea prout eis melius viderit expedire, quos facio & constituo executores meos ad istud testamentum bene & fideliter exequendum.

Probate granted 13th August, 1495, to John, his son, power being reserved for the other co-executor. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iii, 237(1).)

WILL OF JOHN PORTER, OF PONTEFRACT.

In Dei nomine Amen. xij^o die mensis Aprilis Anno Dñi Mil^{mo} cccclxxv^{to}. Ego Johannes Porter de Pontefracto compos mentis & sane memorie eger tamen corpore condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis do & lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, beate Marie matri Domini & omnibus civibus celi, corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum ville supradictae. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei unam vaccam. Item summo altari ecclesie supradictae pro decimis & oblacionibus meis negligenter omissis & oblitis xij^d. Item lego Gilde Corpus Christi ville supradictae unam acram terre arabilis jacentem in una clausura vocata le Spicerclose juxta Fulsnaape nunc

in tenuta Prioris & Conventus Domus sive Prioratus S̄ci Johannis Apostoli & Evangeliste, Pontisfracti. Item lego ad Gilde di' acram terre jacentem juxta montem S̄ci Thome Loncastre martyrís, nunc in tenuta Riči Saundreson. Insuper volo quod conservatores beate Marie virginis in ecclesia parochiali ville supradicte habeant & gaudeant servicio beate Marie imperpetuum di' acram terre jacentem juxta le Stubcrosse. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do & lego Christiane, uxori mee, Johi Austewyk de Pontefractolister & Dño Wiłmo Wynn de eadem capellano, Dictosque Christianam, Johem & Wiłm facio ordino & constituo meos veros executores ut ipsi ordinent & disponant pro anime mee salute sicut eis melius videbitur expedire. Hiis testibus, Dño Robto Meryman, capellano, Robto Wylkynson, Robto Hole & aliis.

Probate granted 16th May, 1475, to Christiana, the relict, power being reserved for the co-executors. (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, iv, 126.)

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